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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

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The software used for data collection was Questionnaire Programming Language 4.1. The analysis of data was performed using Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) software. SPSS is a software package that is specifically designed for quantitative statistical analyses.

Throughout the report, findings of this general population telephone survey are reported at a 95% confidence interval. For the entire sample of Maryland residents, the sampling error is at most plus or minus 4.90 percentage points.

PARTICIPATION IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- The most popular outdoor activities among Maryland residents in the past year were visiting a State or National Park (52%), viewing wildlife within 1 mile of home (49%), taking a trip of at least 1 mile to view wildlife (41%), birdwatching (40%), hiking (36%), and biking (25%). Freshwater fishing (20%), saltwater fishing (16%), hunting (10%), and trapping (1%) had lower participation rates than the activities mentioned above.
- A slight majority of respondents (55%) indicated that they or someone from their household had gone out to observe wildlife in Maryland in the past year.
- Substantial percentages of respondents considered themselves to be anglers/fishermen (25%) or hunters (11%).
- A slight majority of respondents (51%) indicated that they or someone from their household had gone fishing in Maryland in the past 5 years. A substantial percentage of respondents (19%) indicated that they or someone from their household had gone hunting in Maryland in the past 5 years.
- The means of the number of days in the past 5 years that the respondents had fished, hunted, and observed wildlife (those who had done the activity at least 1 day) are 45.3 days fished in the past 5 years, 64.5 days hunted in the past 5 years, and 63.6 days observed wildlife in the past 5 years.
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AGENCY PERCEIVED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING FISH AND WILDLIFE, AND AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is responsible for managing fish and wildlife in Maryland, 26% of respondents indicated that they knew a great deal or a moderate amount about the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, but 73% knew a little or nothing.

RATINGS OF/SATISFACTION WITH/OPINIONS ON THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- Nearly a majority of Maryland residents (42%) were very or somewhat satisfied with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, while only 7% were dissatisfied; 44% did not know.
- Of those who had contacted the Department, a large majority were satisfied (94% satisfied, with 75% *very* satisfied) with the contact.
- Respondents were asked whether they agreed or disagreed with six statements about the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. The results show that people, in general, had more positive than negative perceptions of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Indeed, most people agreed that the staff at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources really cares about fish and wildlife and that the Department effectively balances the interests of anglers, hunters, conservation groups, and the general public; however, less than a majority agreed that the Department is doing enough to protect Maryland's fish and wildlife populations and that scientific methods serve as the primary guide for the work the Department does. On the other hand, the Department is not perceived as overly biased for hunters and anglers: the lowest percentage strongly or moderately agreeing was for the statement, "The work of the Department primarily serves the interests of hunters and anglers."
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- All programs/efforts had less than 7% having said the Department is doing a poor job at it. Those programs/efforts for which the greatest percentage of respondents thought the Department is doing a poor job were managing wildlife populations (6%), providing educational programs about fish and wildlife (6%), and managing fish populations (5%).

CONTACT WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- A substantial percentage of respondents (26%) had contacted the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for information or assistance, and the majority of those who had contacted the Department did so by telephone. Most commonly, those who contacted the Department did so for information about hunting or fishing, including applications for hunting and fishing licenses, and for information about boating. A large majority of those who contacted the Department (94%) were satisfied with their contact.
- A majority of respondents (53%) indicated that they would be likely to contact the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for information or assistance in the future.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON FISH, WILDLIFE, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION, AND CREDIBILITY OF SOURCES

- Maryland residents look for information on fish, wildlife, and outdoor recreation on the Internet other than the Department Web site (48%), in newspapers (15%), and in magazines (11%); 5% look on the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Web site.
- A large majority of Maryland residents access the Internet “daily” (57%) or “sometimes” (18%); 18% never access the Internet. The question regarding use of e-mail had nearly identical findings.

- The sources of information considered to be most credible are those associated with state or federal agencies or the state university; the sources considered the least credible are spokespersons for advocacy organizations, such as environmental or sportsmen's organizations.
 - A majority said that the following sources were *very* credible:
 - biologists with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (70%), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (68%), or the state's department of environmental protection (60%),
 - professors of environmental science or biology with the University of Maryland (63%), and
 - Maryland Natural Resources Police Officer (56%).
 - Less than a majority said that the following sources were *very* credible:
 - spokespersons with the National Wildlife Federation (49%), local environmental organizations (26%), the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (25%), and local sportsmen's organizations (17%).

FISH AND WILDLIFE ISSUES FACING THE STATE, FISH AND WILDLIFE VALUES, AND OPINIONS ON LAND USE AND FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

- In an open-ended question wherein residents could name any fish and wildlife issue facing Maryland, 30% said polluted water/water quality was the most important issue, 9% said the Chesapeake Bay and related issues were the most important, 7% said deer overpopulation was the most important issue, and 6% said urban sprawl was the most important issue.
- In an open-ended question wherein residents could name any other fish and wildlife issues facing Maryland, polluted water/water quality, habitat loss and fragmentation, and air pollution were at the top of the list.
- When asked to rate eight fish and wildlife values, Maryland residents' top choices were that Maryland's water resources are safe and well protected (95% rated it very important), that wildlife exists in Maryland (91%), and that natural areas exist in Maryland for enjoying and

experiencing nature (90%). That people have the opportunity to fish (75%) or the opportunity to hunt (50%) were ranked lower.

- Respondents were asked whether they agreed or disagreed with six statements regarding fish and wildlife and their habitats. Just under a majority *strongly* agreed that the use and development of land should be restricted to protect fish and wildlife (49%) and that hunting and fishing are part of scientific management of healthy fish and wildlife populations (49%). The statements with the lowest percentage who strongly agreed were that landowners should be allowed to develop their land regardless of its impact on wildlife (6%) or that development for new home sites should take precedence over preserving wildlife habitat (5%). These last two statements had much larger percentages strongly disagreeing with them than did the other statements: 58% strongly disagreed that development for new home sites should take precedence over preserving wildlife habitat, and 50% strongly disagreed that landowners should be allowed to develop their land regardless of its impact on wildlife (no other statement had more than 9% in strong disagreement).

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

- Most Maryland residents (53%) had heard nothing about Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the past year; 29% had heard a little; 17% of respondents had heard a great deal or a moderate amount. Regarding whether CWD is a threat to Maryland's deer populations or Maryland's residents, a majority of respondents answered, "Don't know." Otherwise, more people thought that CWD is a major or minor threat to wildlife and humans than thought that it is not a threat.

RATINGS OF IMPORTANCE OF PROGRAMS AND EFFORTS AND RATINGS OF PERFORMANCE OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN CARRYING OUT PROGRAMS AND EFFORTS

- In the ratings of importance of programs, those programs related to recreational values had the lowest percentages rating them as very important.
 - The programs with the greatest percentage of respondents having said that they were very important were protecting and preserving fish and wildlife habitat (89%), protecting endangered species (86%), enforcing fish and game laws (83%), and protecting citizens against diseases from animals (83%).

- The programs with the lowest percentages having said that they were very important were providing hunting opportunities (48%), protecting citizens from harm from predators (59%), providing recreational fishing opportunities (65%), and providing opportunities for the general public to view wildlife (71%).

FUNDING FOR THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND FISHING/HUNTING LICENSE FEES

- In an open-ended question wherein respondents could name any funding source, Maryland residents most commonly thought that unspecified taxes (40%), general state revenue (28%), general federal revenue (14%), and hunting and fishing licenses (14%) were funding sources for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. A very low percentage knew of the important source of Federal Aid in Sportfish Restoration and Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration: 1% of respondents named excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment as a source of funding for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and less than 1% of respondents named taxes on motorboat fuel as a source of funding for the Department.
- People, in general, attribute funding for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to include general tax revenues.
 - More respondents disagreed (40%) than agreed (13%) with the following statement: “Fees from hunting and fishing licenses, excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment, and a portion of the existing tax on motorboat fuel are the only sources of funds for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. It does not receive funding from general state tax revenues.”
 - Many more respondents agreed (60%) than disagreed (4%) with the following statement: “The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is funded by a variety of sources, including general state tax revenues, excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment, a portion of the existing tax on motorboat fuel, and hunting and fishing license fees.”

- Other than the “Don’t know” response, Maryland residents most commonly thought that the fee for a hunting license or a fishing license was about the right price in Maryland.
 - 27% of respondents thought that the fee for a hunting license was about the right price; 11% thought the fee was too high or too low.
 - 37% of respondents thought that the fee for a fishing license was about the right price; 10% thought the fee was too high or too low.
- Of those who consider themselves to be hunters, a majority (62%) thought that the fee for a hunting license was about the right price. A majority of those who consider themselves to be anglers (67%) thought that the fee for a fishing license was about the right price.
- There was more support (66%) than opposition (18%) to increases in user fees, such as hunting and fishing licenses, to cover the costs of protecting and managing fish and wildlife.
- There was more support (66%) than opposition (18%) to increases in user fees, such as hunting and fishing licenses, if it meant more opportunities for these activities.
- A much greater percentage of respondents agreed (69%) than disagreed (19%) that the costs for *managing* fish and wildlife should be paid through specific user fees, such as hunting and fishing licenses. A much greater percentage of respondents supported (78%) than opposed (12%) using general state tax revenues to *provide information* on fish and wildlife.

MOTIVATIONS FOR FISHING, FUNDING OF STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, AND HUNTING OF BEARS

- When asked about motivations for fishing, the top answers were for relaxation (27%), to be with family and friends (25%), and to be close to nature (13%). To catch fish or for the sport were lower down on the list.
- Residents were evenly split on whether they agreed (45%) or disagreed (49%) that non-hunters should have to pay a user fee for outdoor recreation on State Wildlife Management Areas.

- Residents were fairly evenly split on whether they agreed (40%) or disagreed (39%) that people should be allowed to hunt bears in Maryland, although most disagreement was *strong* disagreement (30% strongly disagreed).

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING

- Approval of fishing (94%) was higher than approval of hunting (78%) or trapping (52%).

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For the survey, telephones were selected as the preferred sampling medium because of the universality of telephone ownership. In addition, a central polling site at the Responsive Management office allowed for rigorous quality control over the interviews and data collection. Responsive Management maintains its own in-house telephone interviewing facilities. These facilities are staffed by interviewers with extensive experience conducting computer-assisted telephone interviews on the subjects of natural resources and outdoor recreation. The telephone survey questionnaire was based on a survey instrument provided to Responsive Management by the NCIEA, which was further refined by the NCIEA, Responsive Management, and each member state. Responsive Management conducted a pre-test of the questionnaire, and revisions were made to the questionnaire based on the pre-test.

To ensure that the telephone survey data collected were of the highest quality, Responsive Management employs interviewers who have been trained according to the standards established by the Council of American Survey Research Organizations. Methods of instruction included lecture and role-playing. The Executive Director of Responsive Management and the Survey Center Managers conducted project briefings with the interviewers prior to and during the administration of the survey. Interviewers were instructed on type of study, study goals and objectives, handling of survey questions, interview length, termination points and qualifiers for participation, interviewer instructions within the survey instrument, reading of the survey instrument, skip patterns, and probing and clarifying techniques necessary for specific questions on the survey instrument. The Survey Center Managers randomly monitored telephone

workstations without the interviewers' knowledge to evaluate the performance of each interviewer. After the surveys were obtained by the interviewers, the Survey Center Managers and/or statisticians edited each completed survey to ensure clarity and completeness.

Interviews were conducted Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday noon to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A five-callback design was used to maintain the representativeness of the sample, to avoid bias toward people easy to reach by telephone, and to provide an equal opportunity for all to participate. When a respondent could not be reached on the first call, subsequent calls were placed on different days of the week and at different times of the day. The survey was conducted in December 2003. Responsive Management obtained 400 completed telephone interviews in Maryland.

The software used for data collection was Questionnaire Programming Language 4.1 (QPL). The survey data were entered into the computer as each interview was being conducted, eliminating manual data entry after the completion of the survey and the concomitant data entry errors that may occur with manual data entry. The survey instrument was programmed so that QPL branched, coded, and substituted phrases in the survey based on previous responses to ensure the integrity and consistency of the data collection. The analysis of data was performed using Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) software. SPSS is a software package that is specifically designed for quantitative statistical analyses.

Throughout the report, findings of this general population telephone survey are reported at a 95% confidence interval. For the entire sample of Maryland residents, the sampling error is at most plus or minus 4.90 percentage points. This means that if the survey were conducted 100 times on different samples that were selected in the same way, the findings of 95 out of the 100 surveys would fall within plus or minus 4.90% of each other. Sampling error was calculated using the formula described below, with a sample size of 400 and a population size of 3,940,314 Maryland residents 18 years of age and older.

Sampling error equation:

$$B = \left(\sqrt{\frac{\frac{N_p(.25)}{N_s} - .25}{N_p - 1}} \right) (1.96)$$

Where: B = maximum sampling error (as decimal)

N_p = population size (e.g., total number of residents)

N_s = sample size

Derived from formula: p. 206 in Dillman, D. A. 2000. *Mail and Internet Surveys*. John Wiley & Sons, NY.

Note: This is a simplified version of the formula that calculates the maximum sampling error using a 50:50 split (the most conservative calculation because a 50:50 split would give maximum variation).

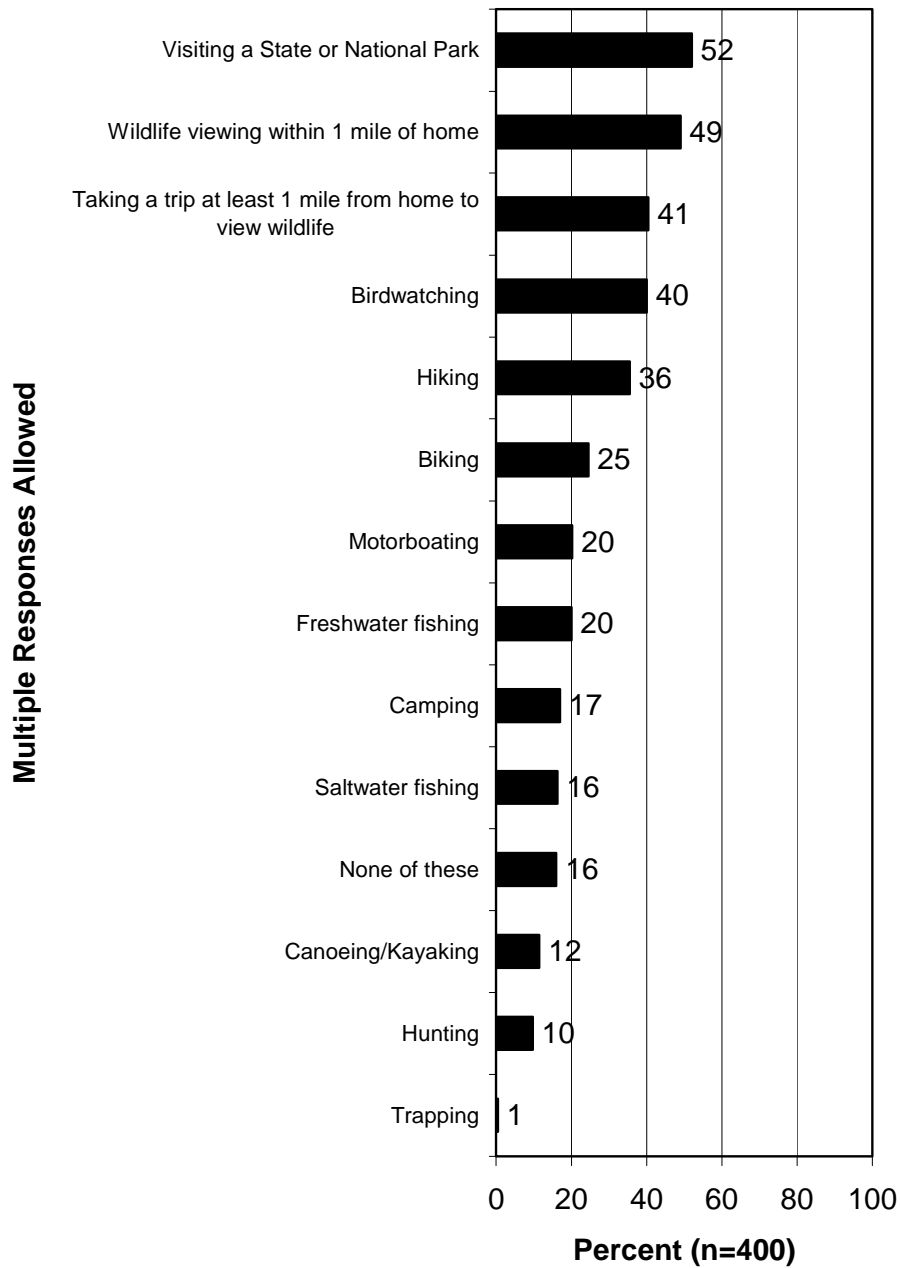
Note that, because of rounding, some sums (e.g., when “very likely” and “somewhat likely” are summed to determine the total percentage answering “likely”) may appear to be off by as much as 1 or 2 percentage points and some graphs may not sum to 100%.

PARTICIPATION IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

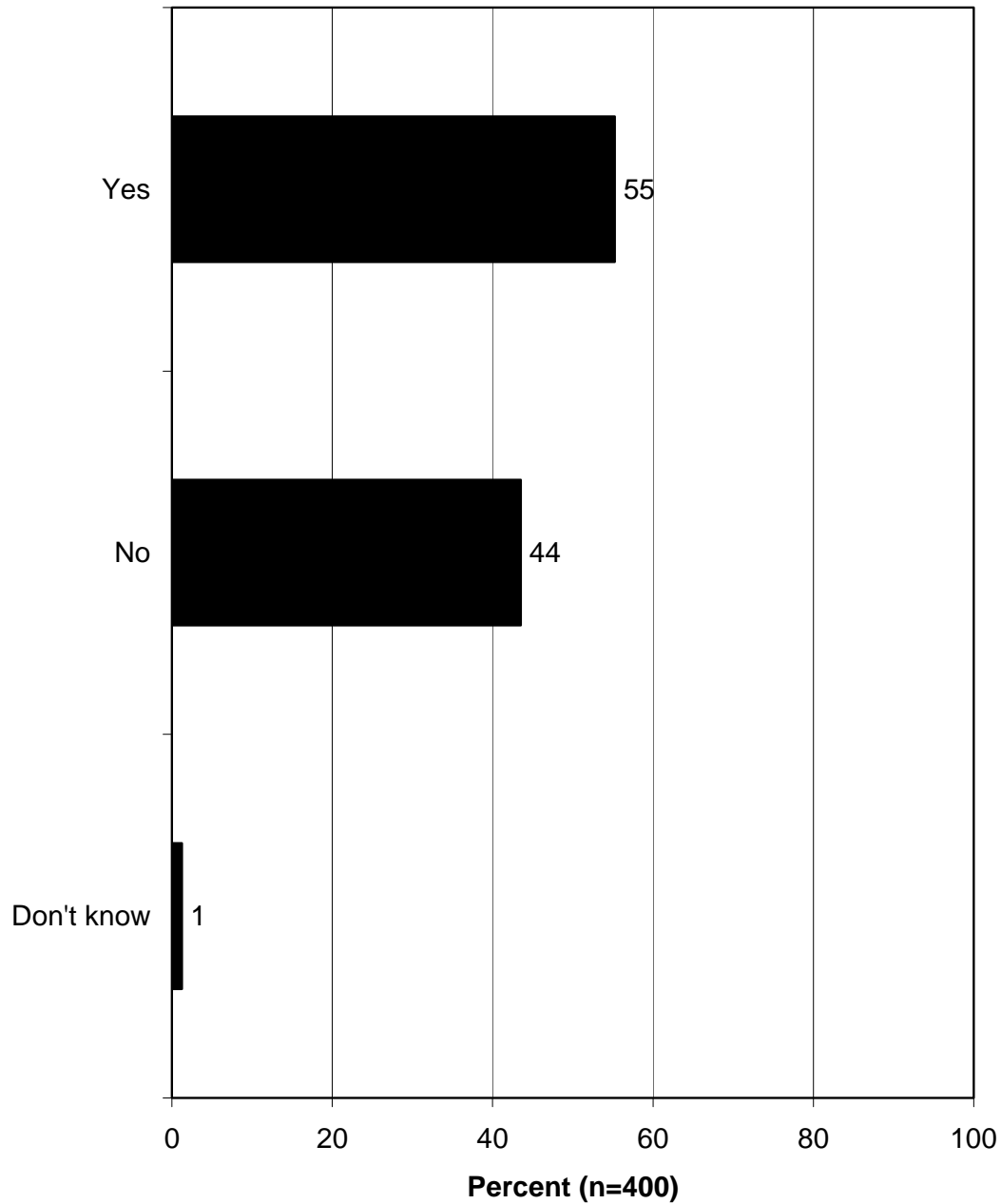
- The most popular outdoor activities among Maryland residents in the past year were visiting a State or National Park, watching wildlife, hiking, and biking. A majority of respondents had visited a State or National Park. Just under a majority had participated in various forms of wildlife watching. Fishing, hunting, and trapping had lower participation rates than the activities mentioned above.
 - 52% had visited a State or National Park.
 - 49% had viewed wildlife within 1 mile of home, 41% had taken a trip of at least 1 mile to view wildlife, and 40% had birdwatched.
 - 36% had hiked.
 - 25% had biked.
 - 20% had freshwater fished, 16% had saltwater fished, 10% had hunted, and 1% had trapped.
- A slight majority of respondents (55%) indicated that they or someone from their household had gone out to observe wildlife in Maryland in the past year.
- Substantial percentages of respondents considered themselves to be anglers/fishermen or hunters, with somewhat more respondents considering themselves to be anglers/fishermen than considered themselves to be hunters.
 - 25% considered himself or herself to be an angler/fisherman.
 - 11% considered himself or herself to be a hunter.
- A slight majority of respondents indicated that they or someone from their household had gone fishing in Maryland in the past 5 years, with a plurality having said that they or a member of their household had done so within the past 6 months. Although not a majority, a substantial percentage of respondents indicated that they or someone from their household had gone hunting in Maryland in the past 5 years.
 - 51% of respondents said that they or someone from their household had gone fishing in Maryland in the past 5 years.

- 19% of respondents said that they or someone from their household had gone hunting in Maryland in the past 5 years.
- Graphs are also included showing the number of days in the past 5 years that the respondents had fished, hunted, and observed wildlife (of those who had done the activity at least 1 day). The means of those who participated in those activities are 45.3 days fished in the past 5 years, 64.5 days hunted in the past 5 years, and 63.6 days observed wildlife in the past 5 years.
- A little more than a third of respondents (36%) had attended an educational program concerning fish and wildlife.

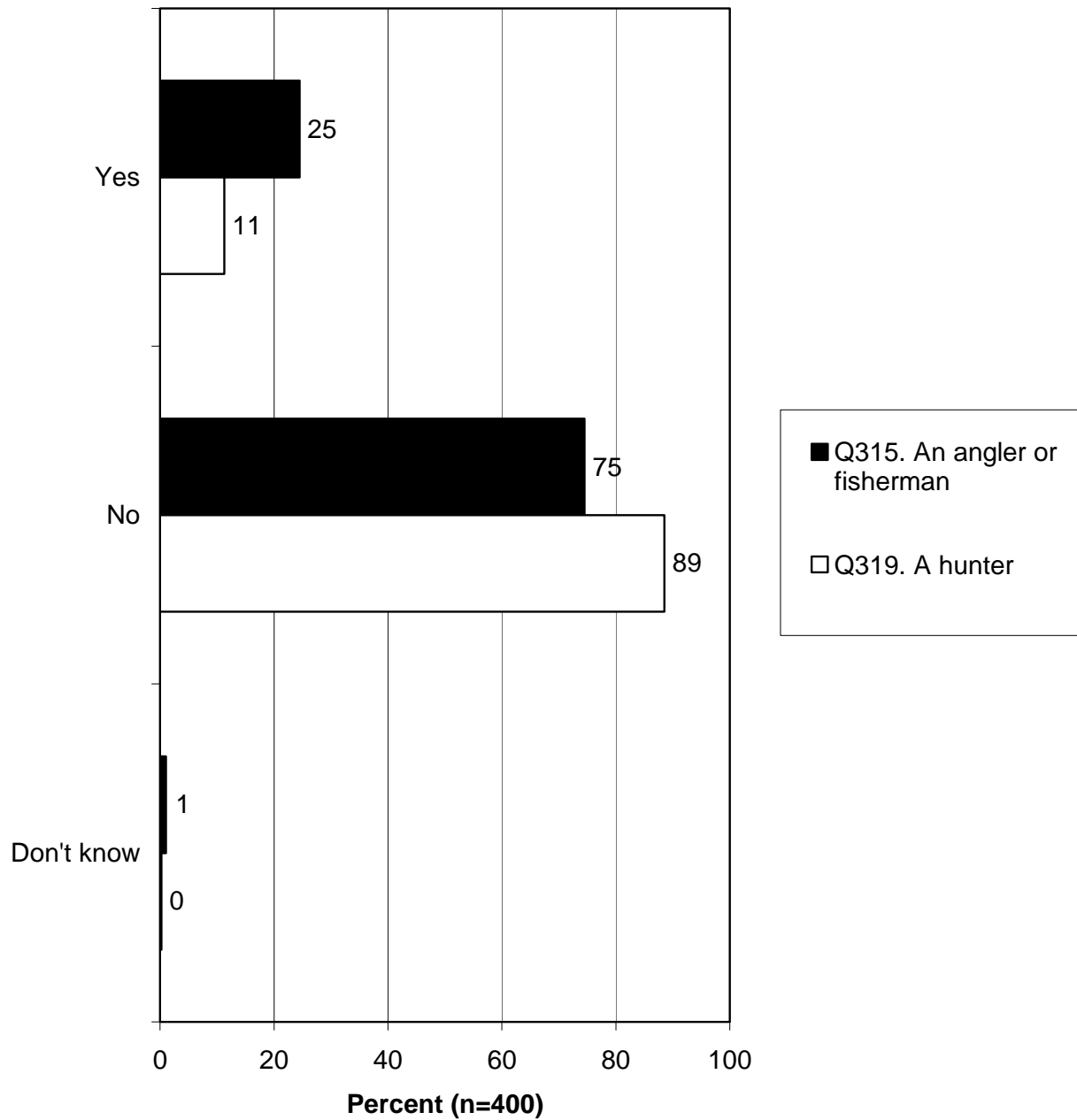
Q13. In the past 12 months, have you participated in...?



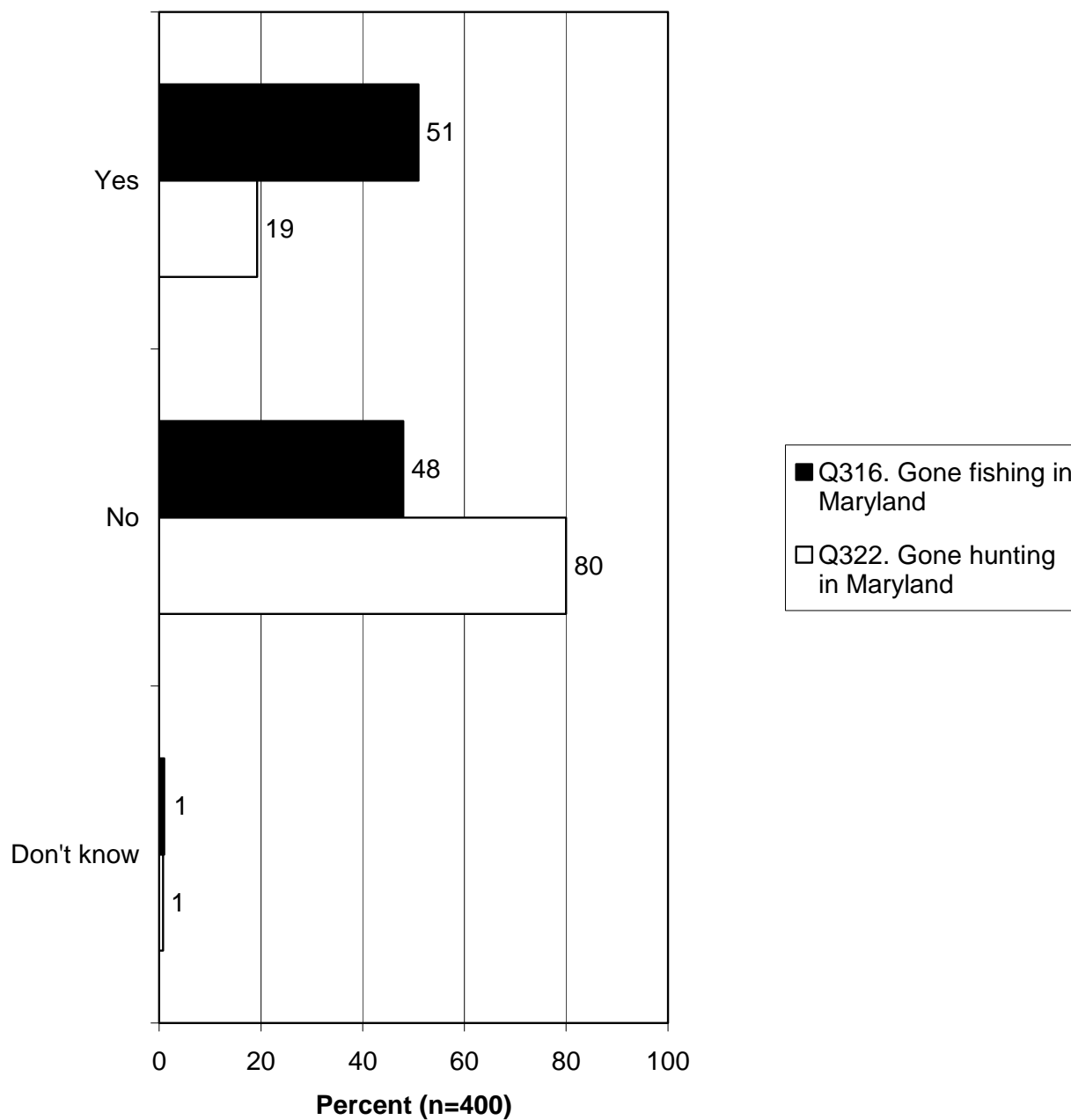
Q325. In the past 12 months, have you or any member of your household gone out to observe wildlife in Maryland?



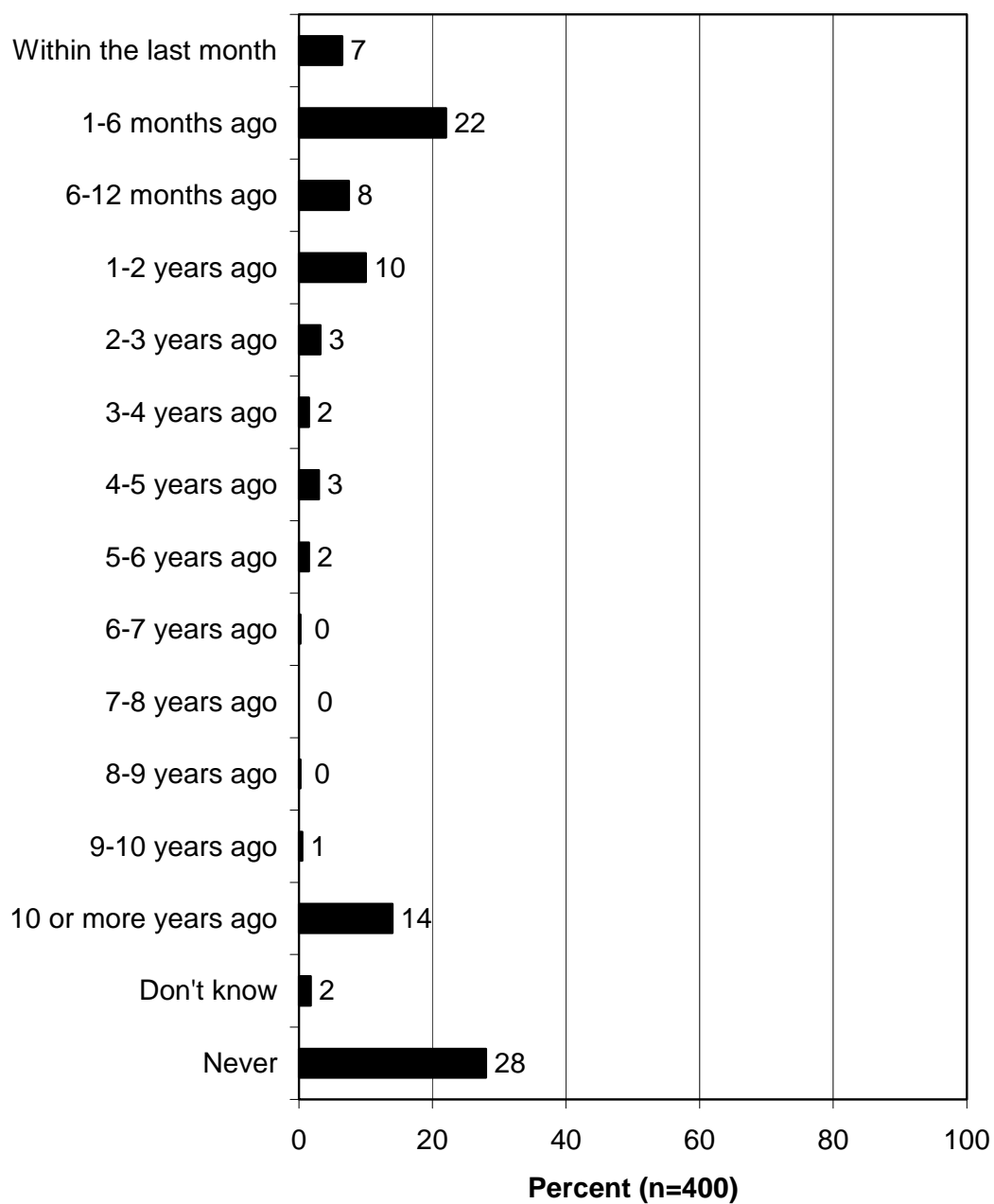
**Q315 & 319. Do you consider yourself:
an angler or fisherman?
a hunter?**



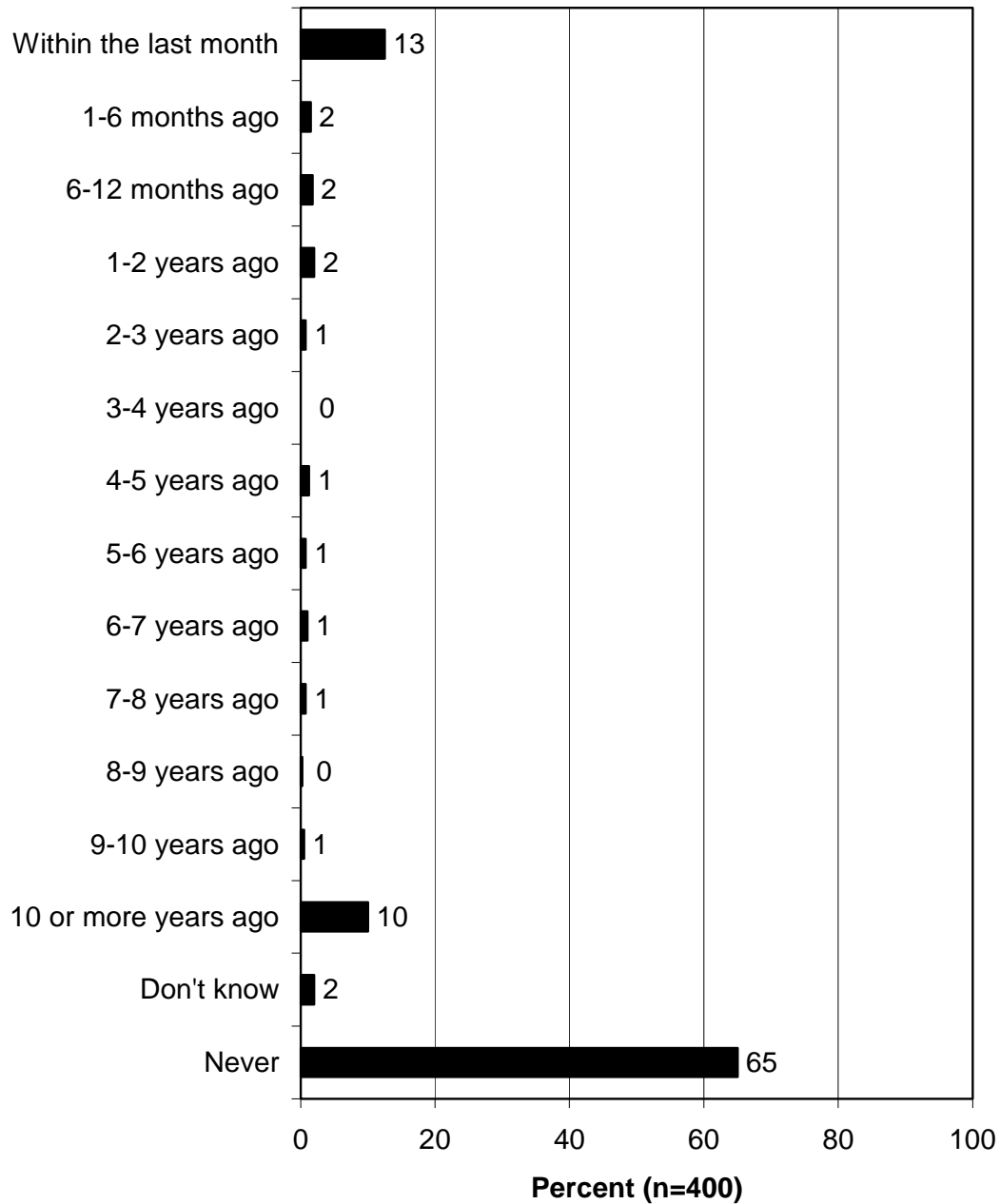
**Q316 & 322. In the past 5 years, have you or any member of your household gone:
fishing in Maryland?
hunting in Maryland?**



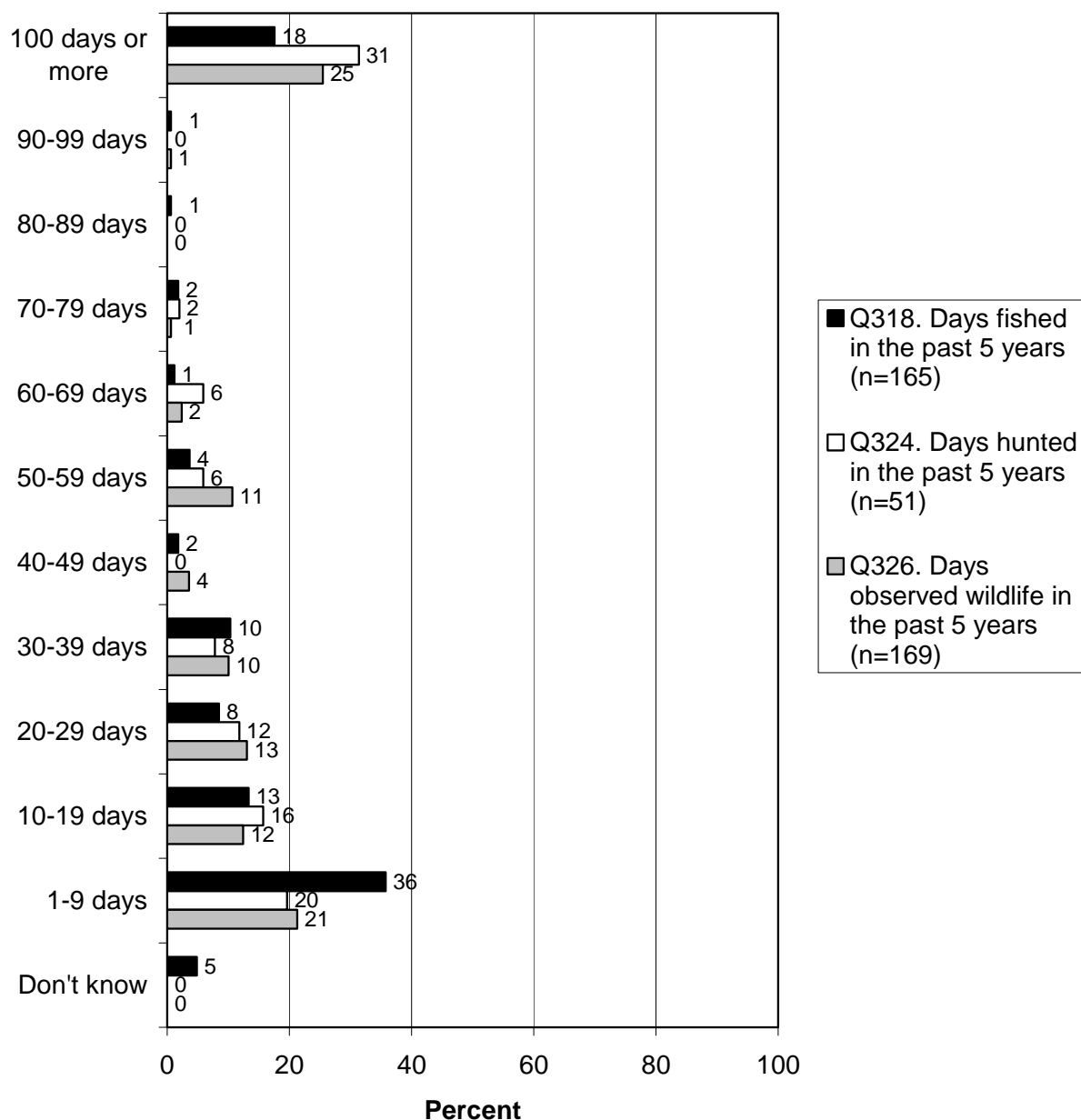
Q317. How long ago did you or any member of your household last go fishing?



Q323. How long ago did you or any member of your household last go hunting?

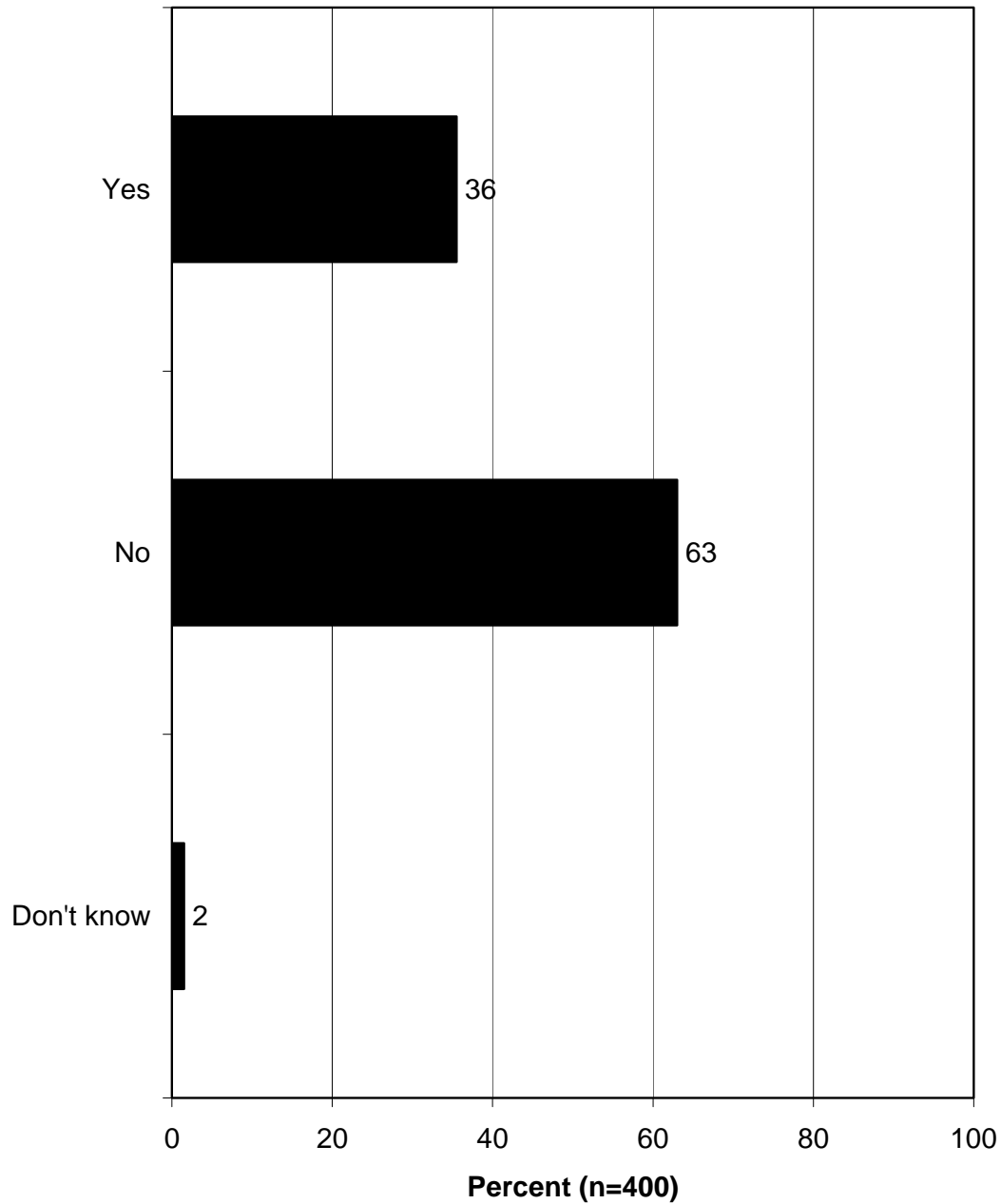


Q318, 324, & 326. About how many days did you go out to do the following activities in the past 5 years? (Total of all 5 years.) (Asked of those who did the activity in the past 5 years.)



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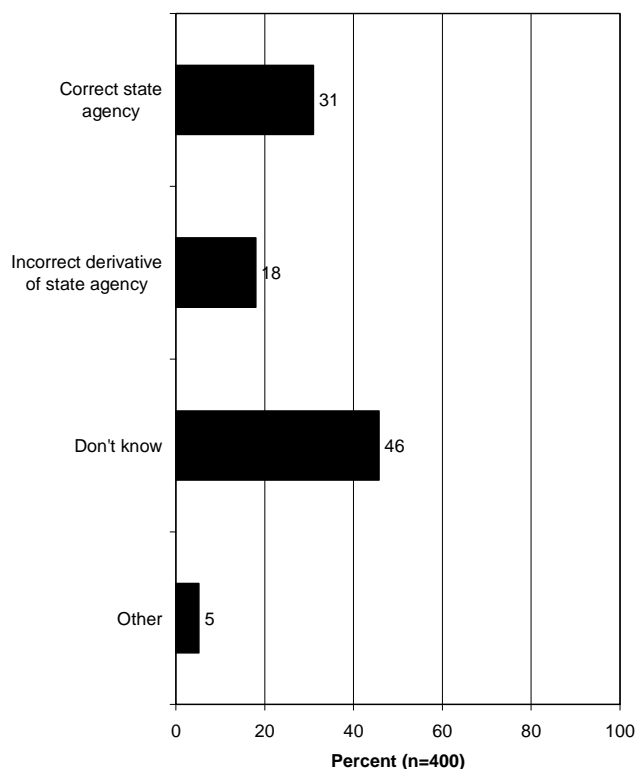
Q327. Have you ever attended an educational program that dealt with fish and wildlife, such as a hunter safety class or a lecture at a state park?



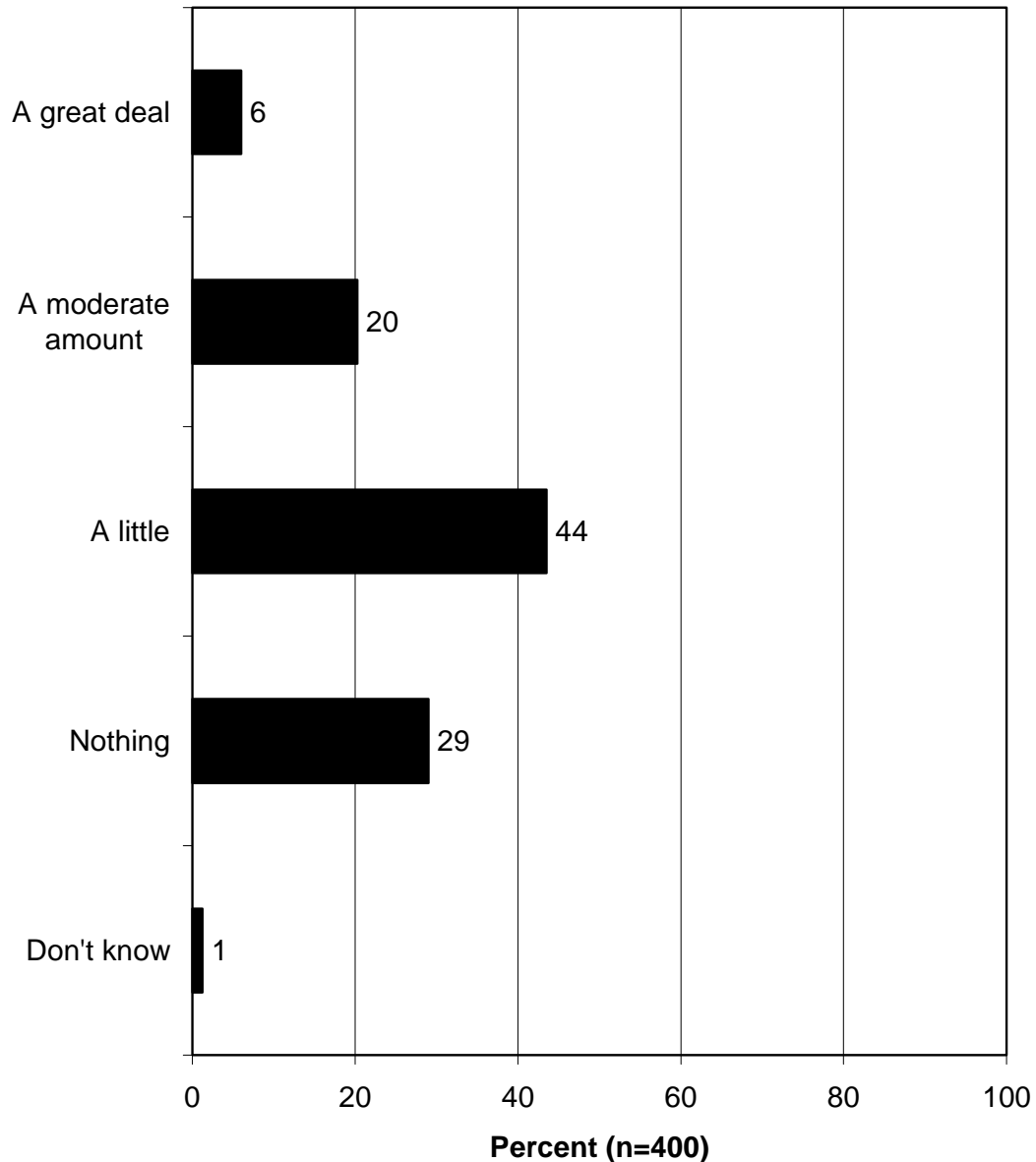
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- Most Maryland residents did not know which government agency is most responsible for managing and protecting fish and wildlife in Maryland. After being informed that the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is responsible for managing fish and wildlife in Maryland, most residents indicated that they knew little or nothing about the agency.
- 31% named the correct state agency that is responsible for managing fish and wildlife in Maryland.
 - 26% knew a great deal or a moderate amount about the Maryland Department of Natural Resources; 73% knew a little or nothing.

Q20. Which government agency would you say is most responsible for managing and protecting fish and wildlife in Maryland?



Q22. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is responsible for managing and protecting fish and wildlife in Maryland. Before this survey, would you say you knew a great deal, a moderate amount, a little, or nothing about the Maryland Department of Natural Resources?



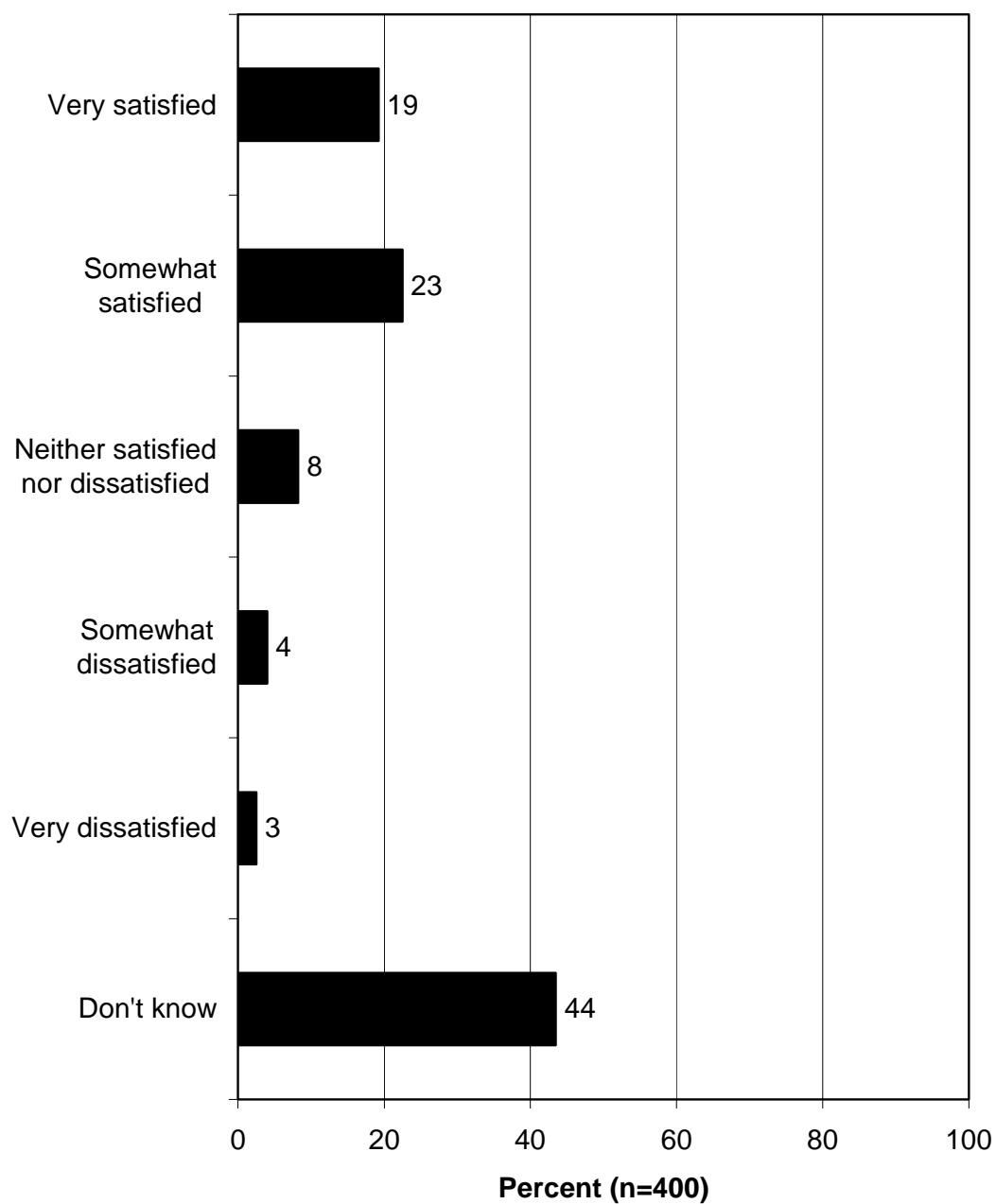
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- The analysis included a breakout of how anglers and hunters felt regarding the six statements about the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (based on those who considered themselves to be anglers and hunters). For all statements, both the negative and the positive statements, anglers and hunters had greater percentages in agreement than did respondents as a whole.
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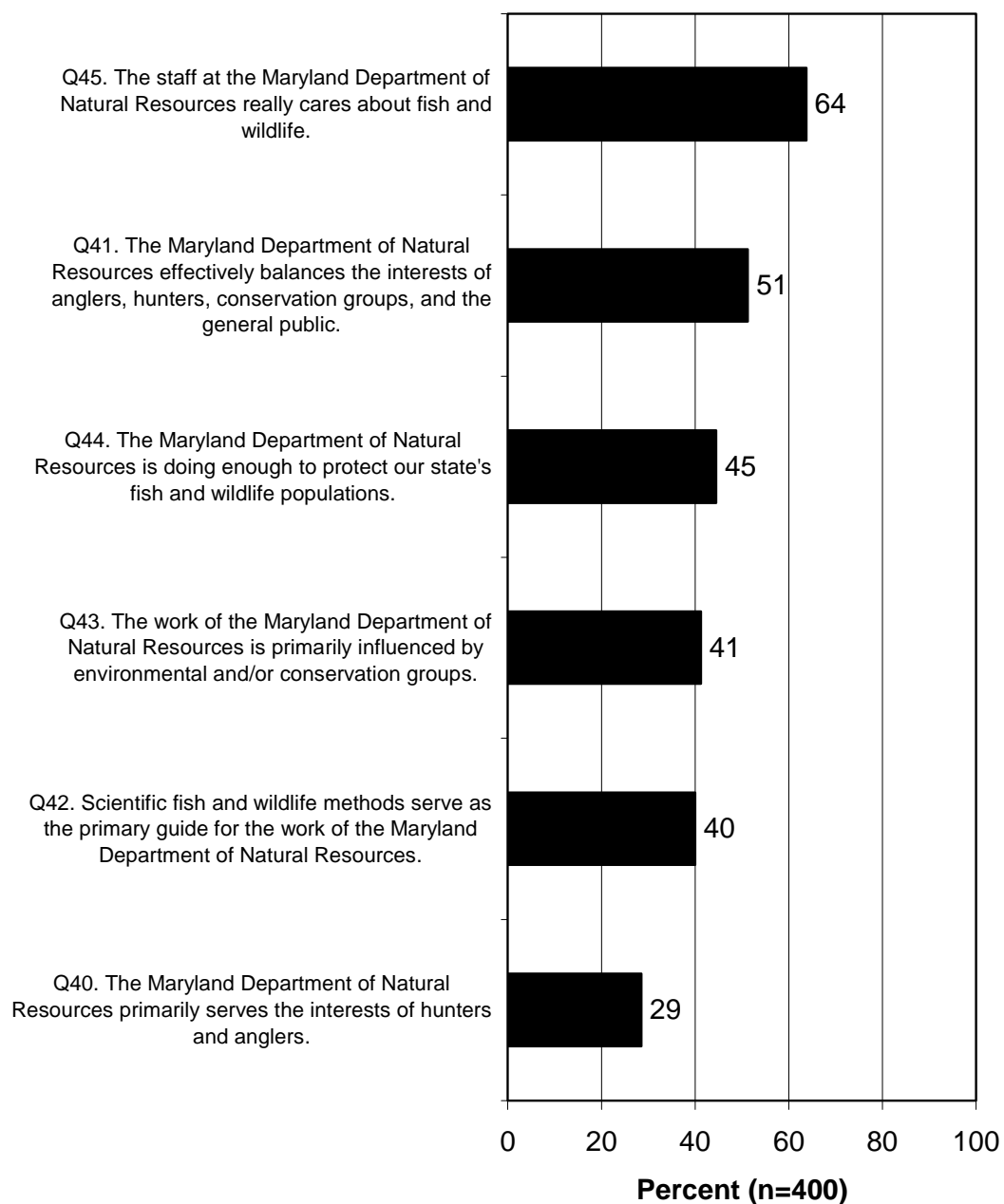
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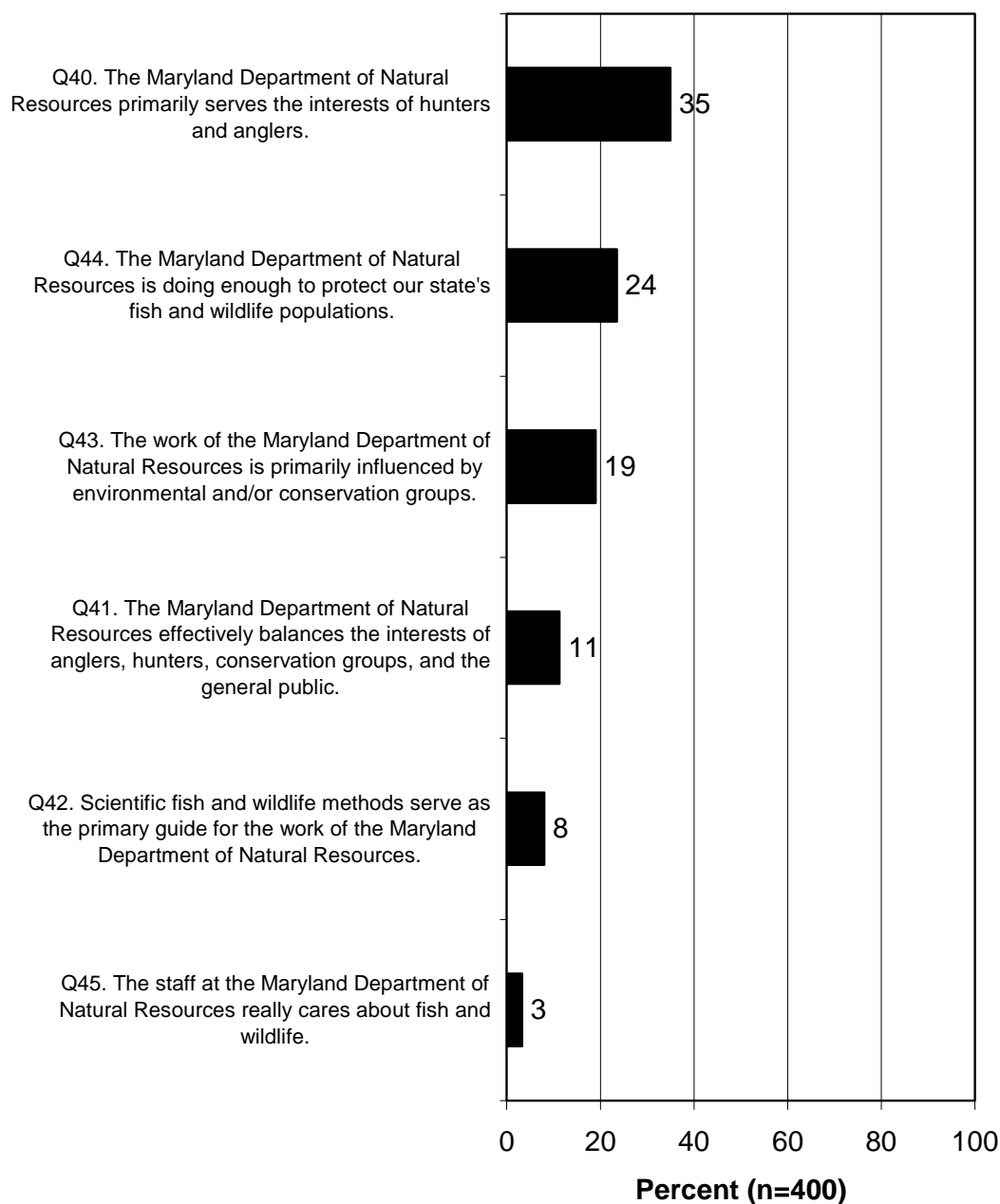
Q23. Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources as a governmental agency in Maryland, or do you not know?



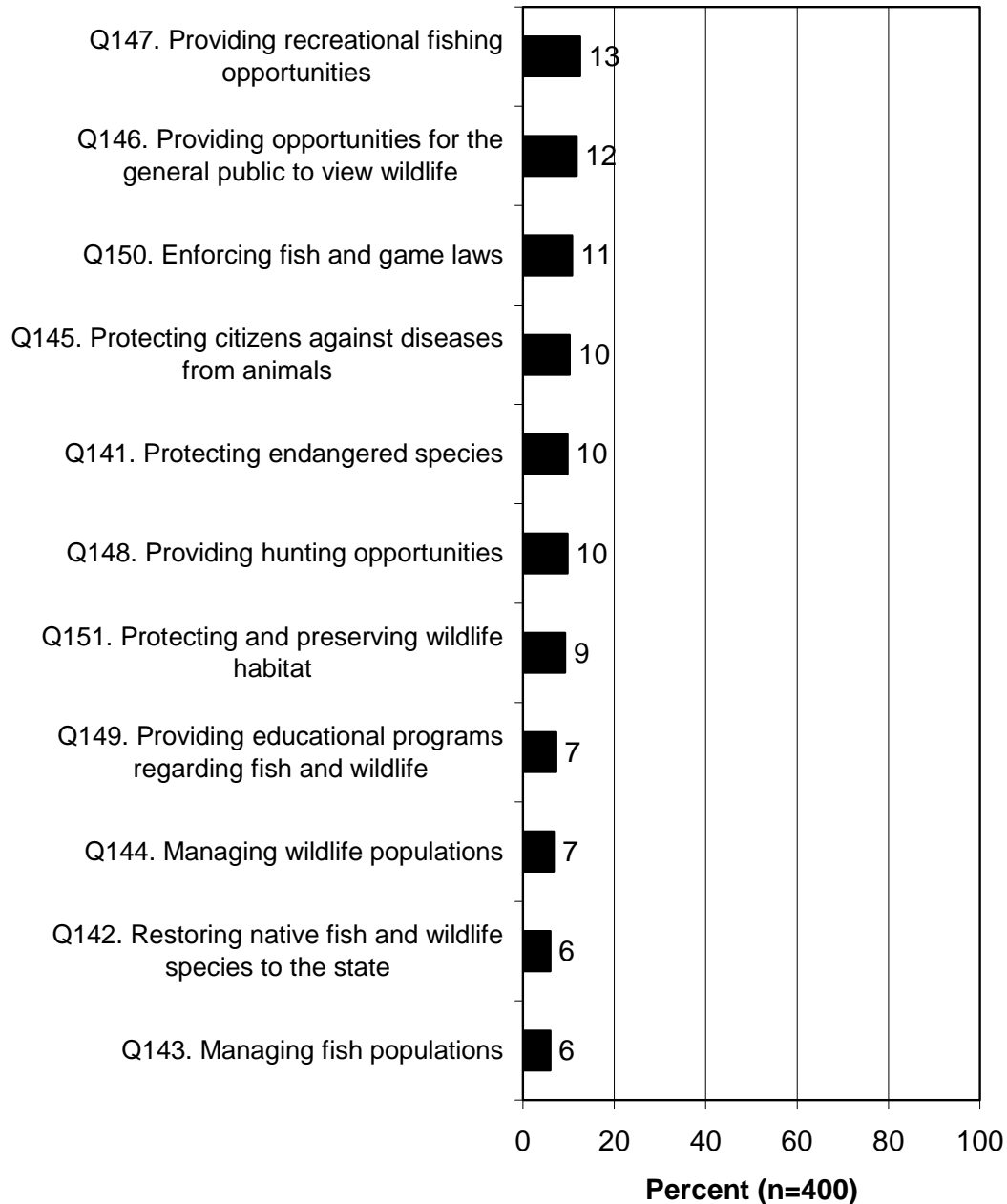
Q40-45. Percent who strongly or moderately agree with the following statements.



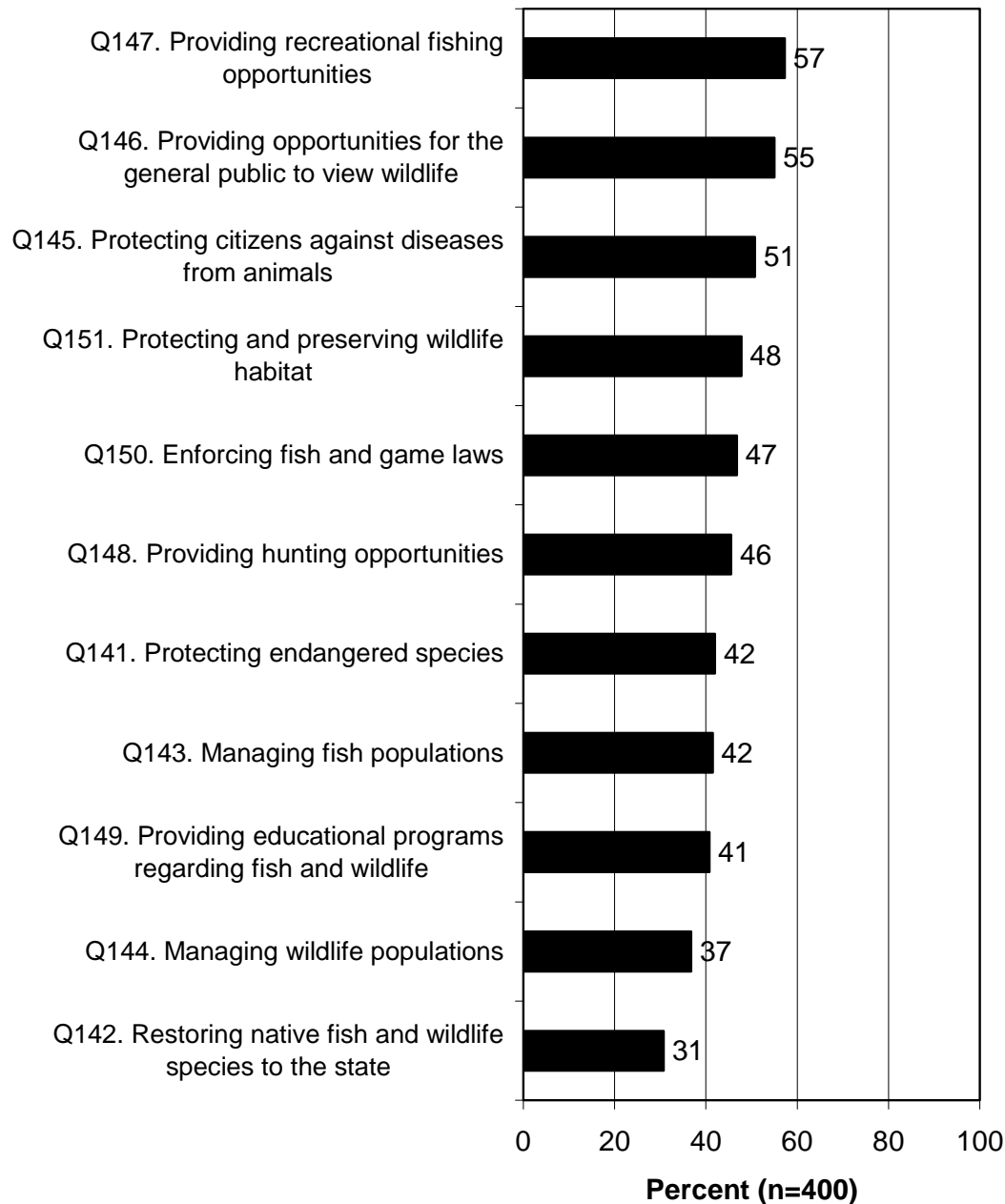
Q40-45. Percent who moderately or strongly disagree with the following statements.



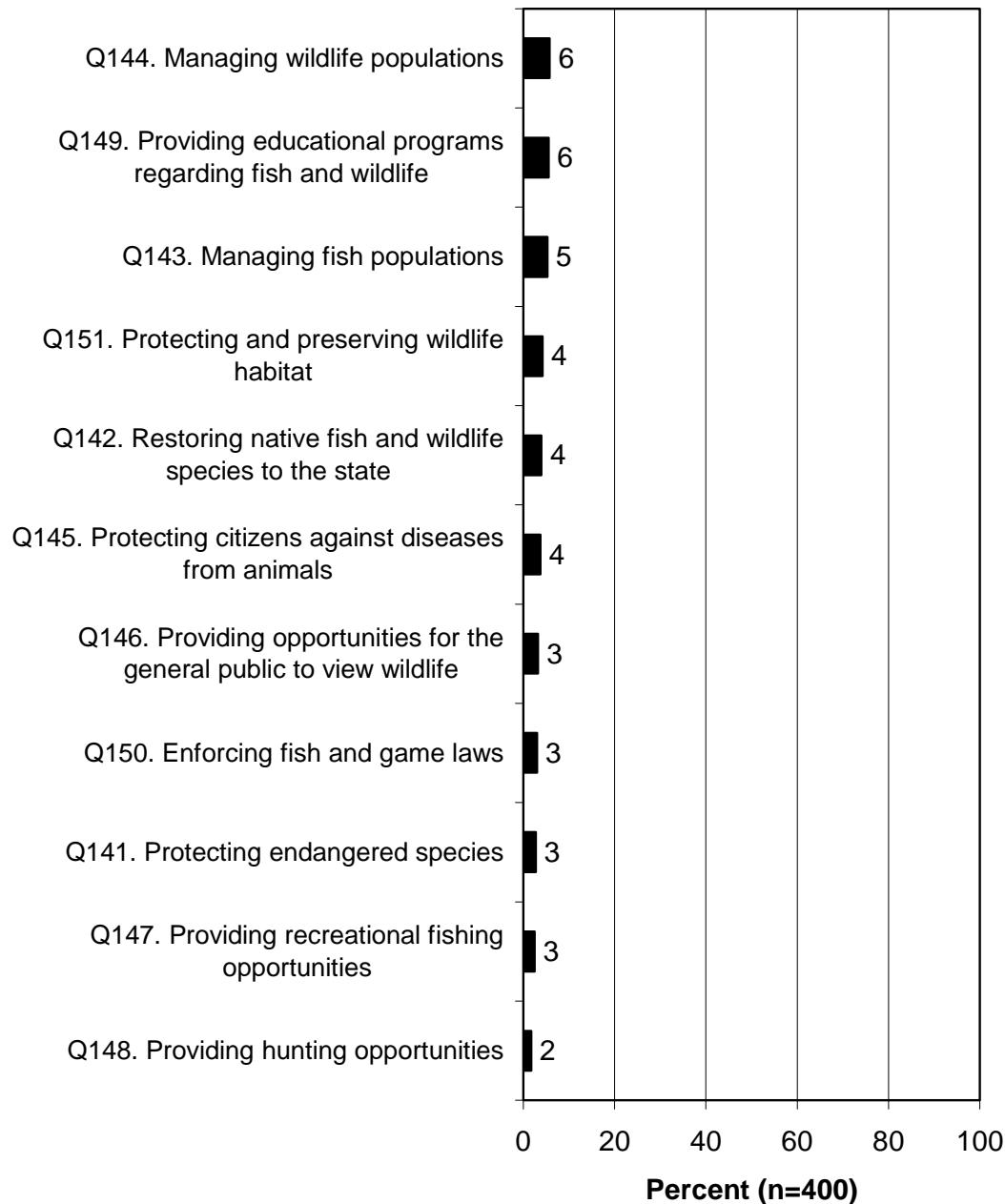
Q141-151. Percent saying that the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is doing an excellent job at the following efforts.



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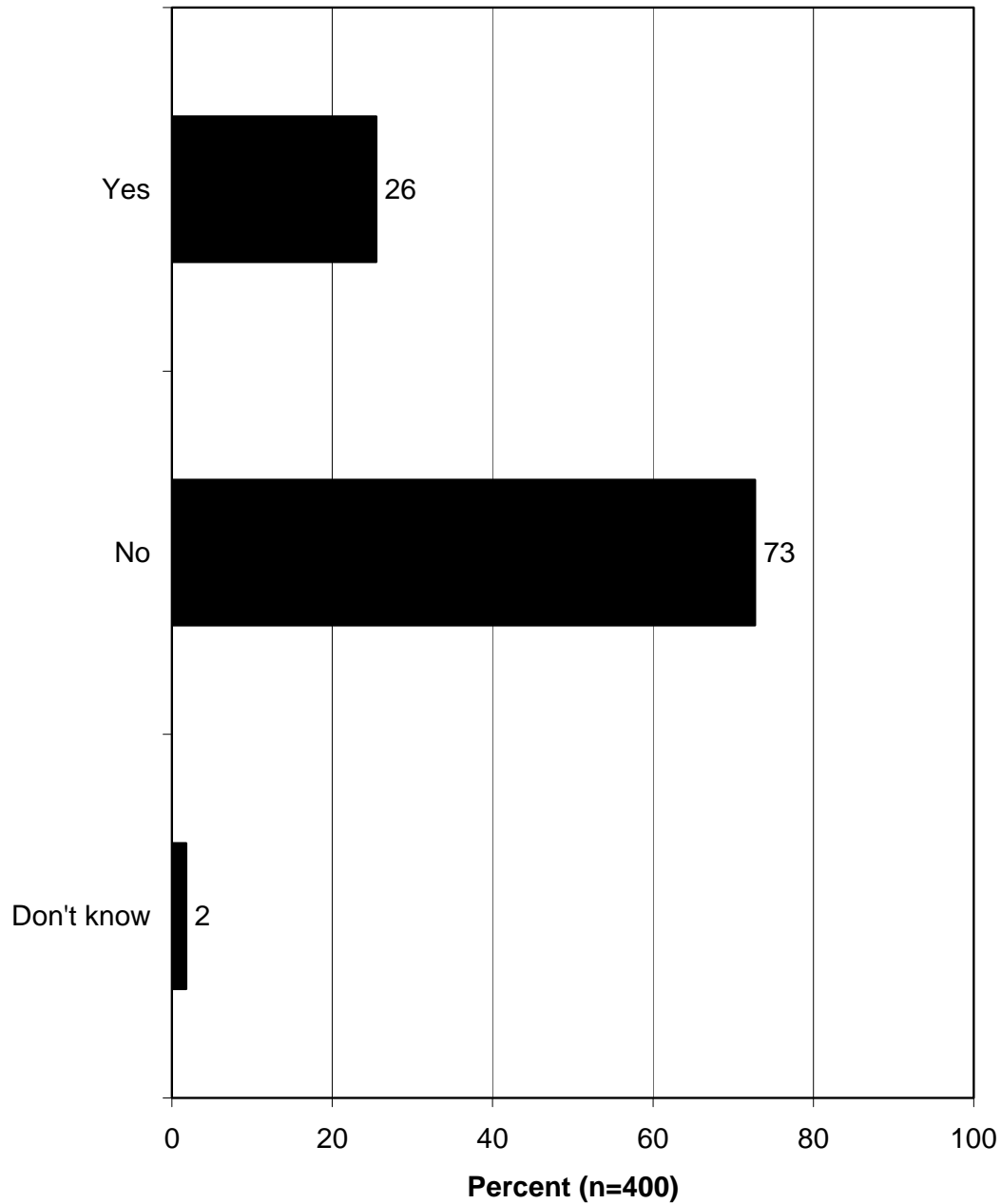
Q141-151. Percent saying that the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is doing a poor job at the following efforts.



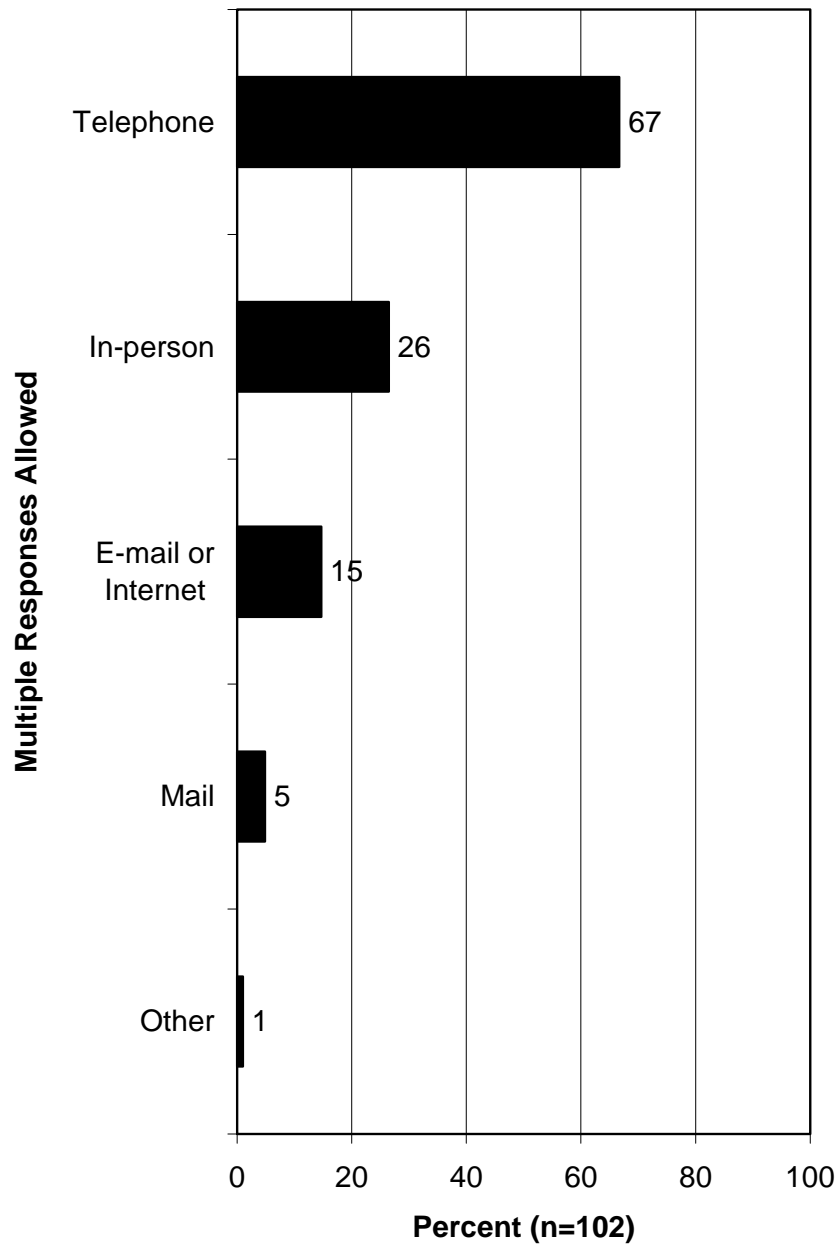
CONTACT WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- A substantial percentage of respondents had contacted the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for information or assistance, and the majority of those who had contacted the Department did so by telephone. The next most popular ways to contact the Department were in-person and through e-mail/Internet. Most commonly, those who contacted the Department did so for information about hunting or fishing, including applications for hunting and fishing licenses, and for information about boating. A large majority were satisfied with their contact, saying that they received the information they needed and that the Department employees were helpful and friendly. Conversely, the small number of respondents who were dissatisfied felt that they did not receive the information they needed and that the Department employees were not helpful.
 - 26% of respondents had contacted the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.
 - 67% of those who contacted the Department did so by telephone, 26% did so in-person, 15% did so by e-mail/Internet, and 5% did so by traditional mail.
 - 19% of those who contacted the Department did so for hunting information, 17% for fishing information, 13% did so for hunting license information and/or application, 13% did so for fishing license information/or and application, and 12% did so for boating information.
 - 94% of those who contacted the Department were very or somewhat satisfied with the contact, with 75% saying that they were very satisfied.
- A majority of respondents (53%) indicated that they would be very or somewhat likely to contact the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for information or assistance in the future.

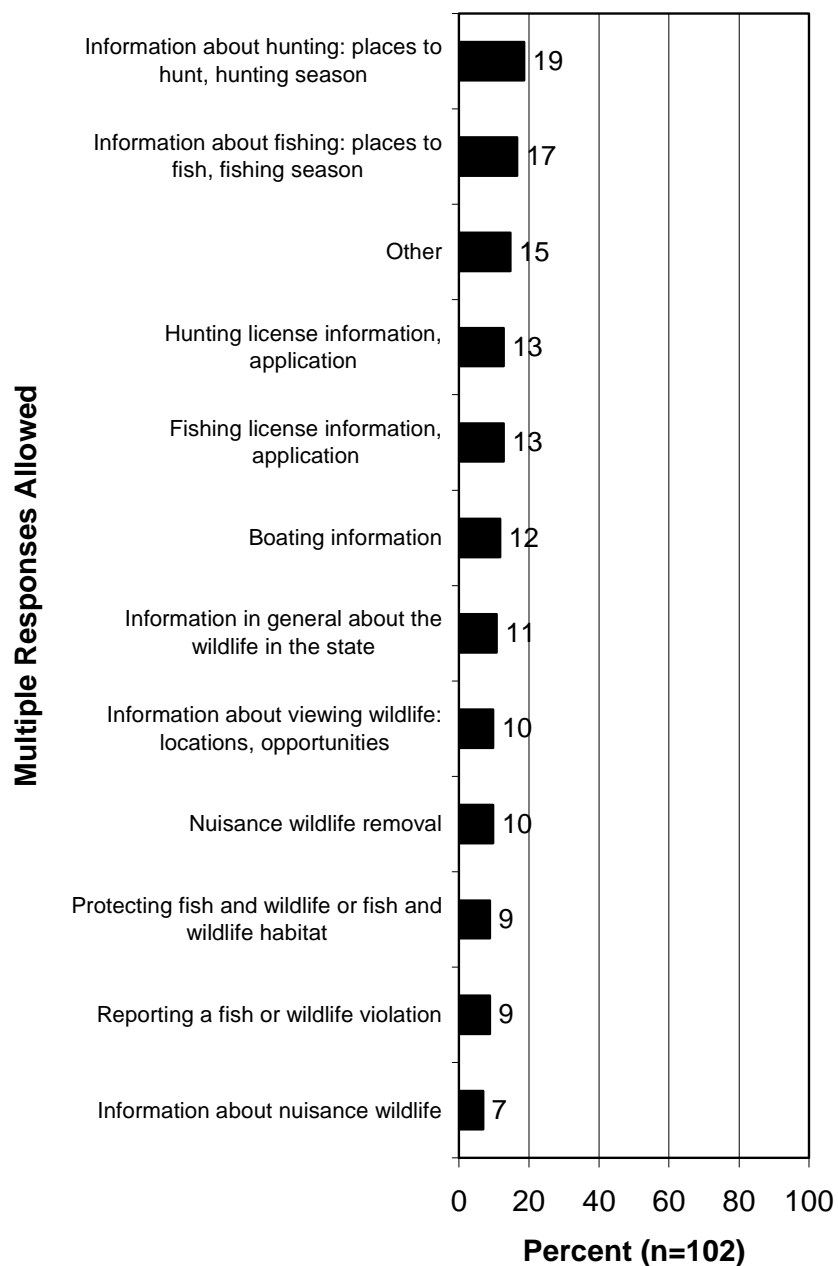
Q300. Have you ever contacted the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for information or assistance?



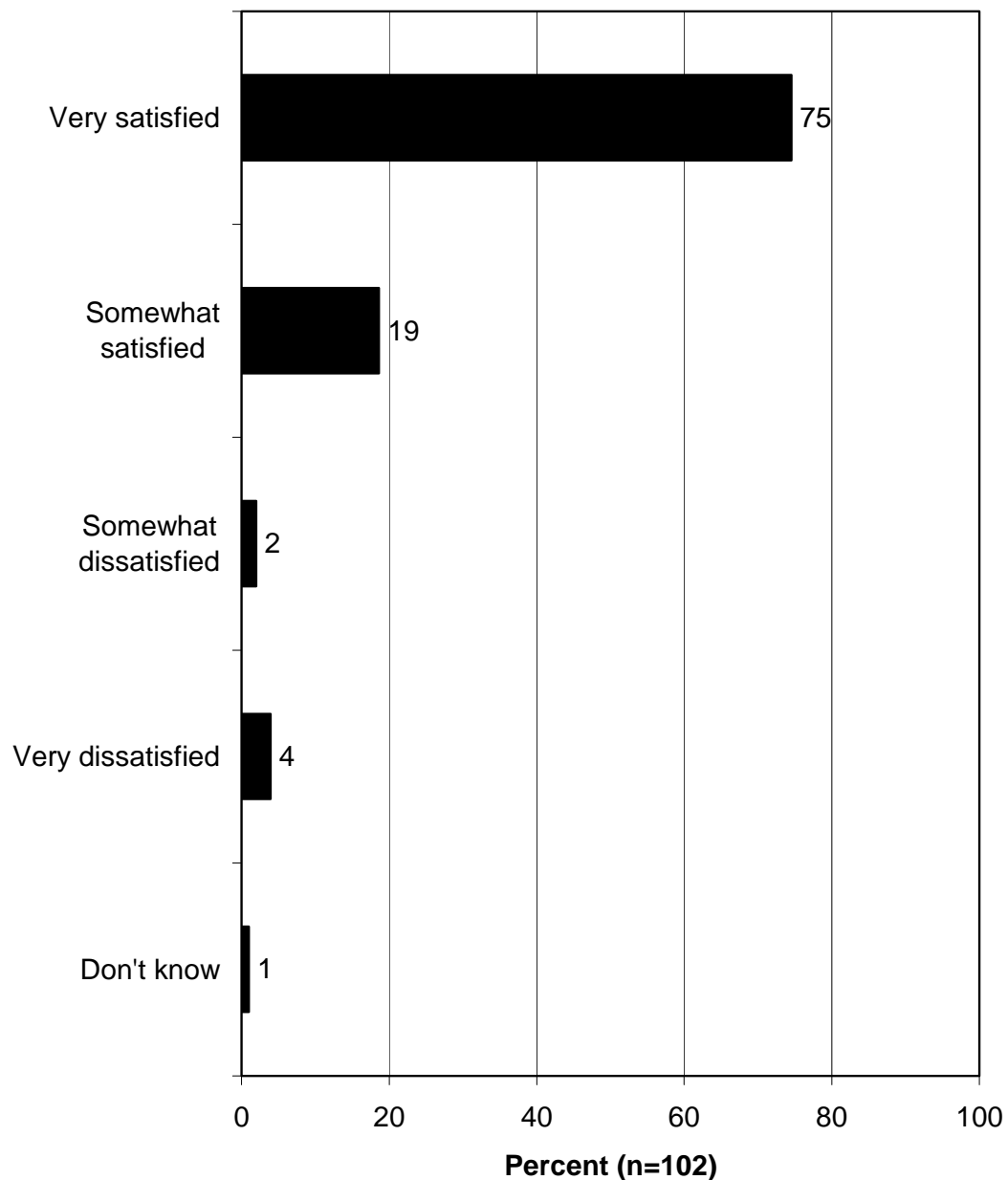
Q302. How did you contact the Maryland Department of Natural Resources? (Asked of those who had contacted the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.)



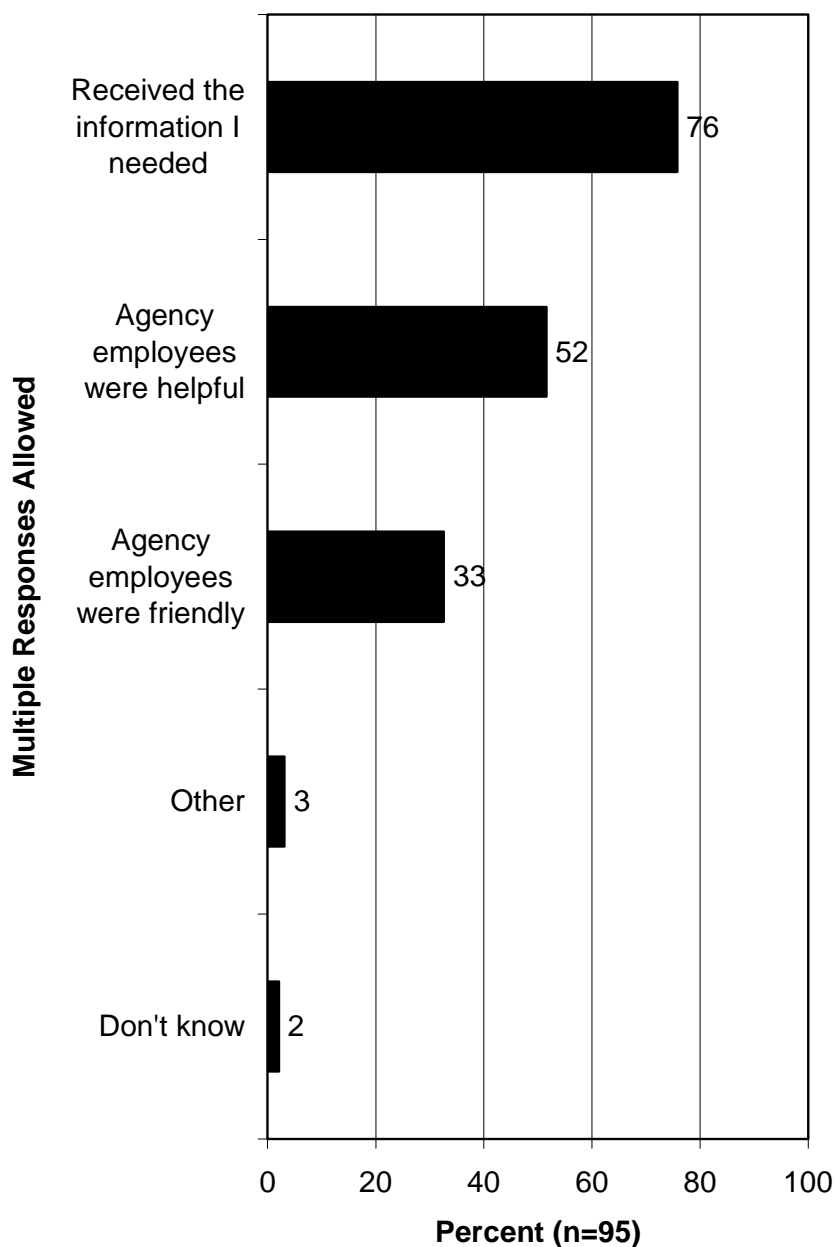
Q305. What type of assistance or information were you seeking? (Asked of those who had contacted the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.)



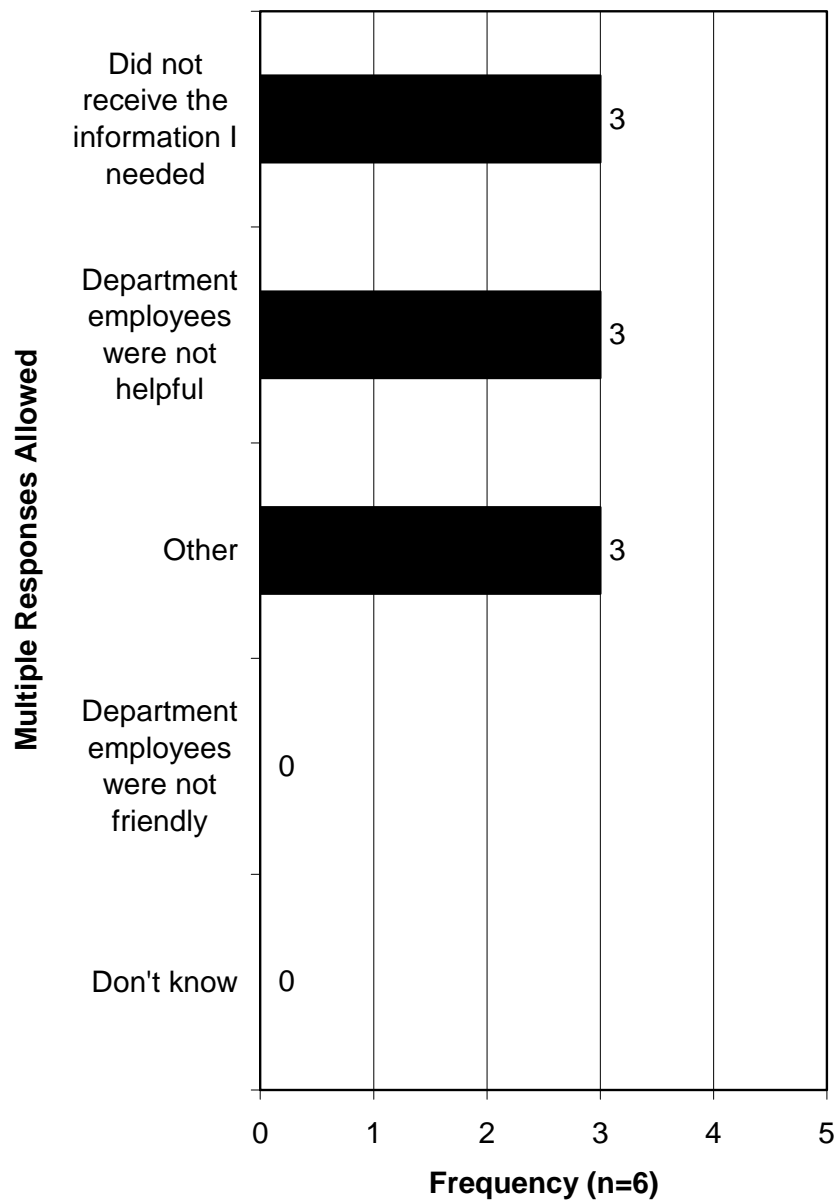
Q307. Overall, would you say you were satisfied or dissatisfied with your contact with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources? (Asked of those who had contacted the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.)



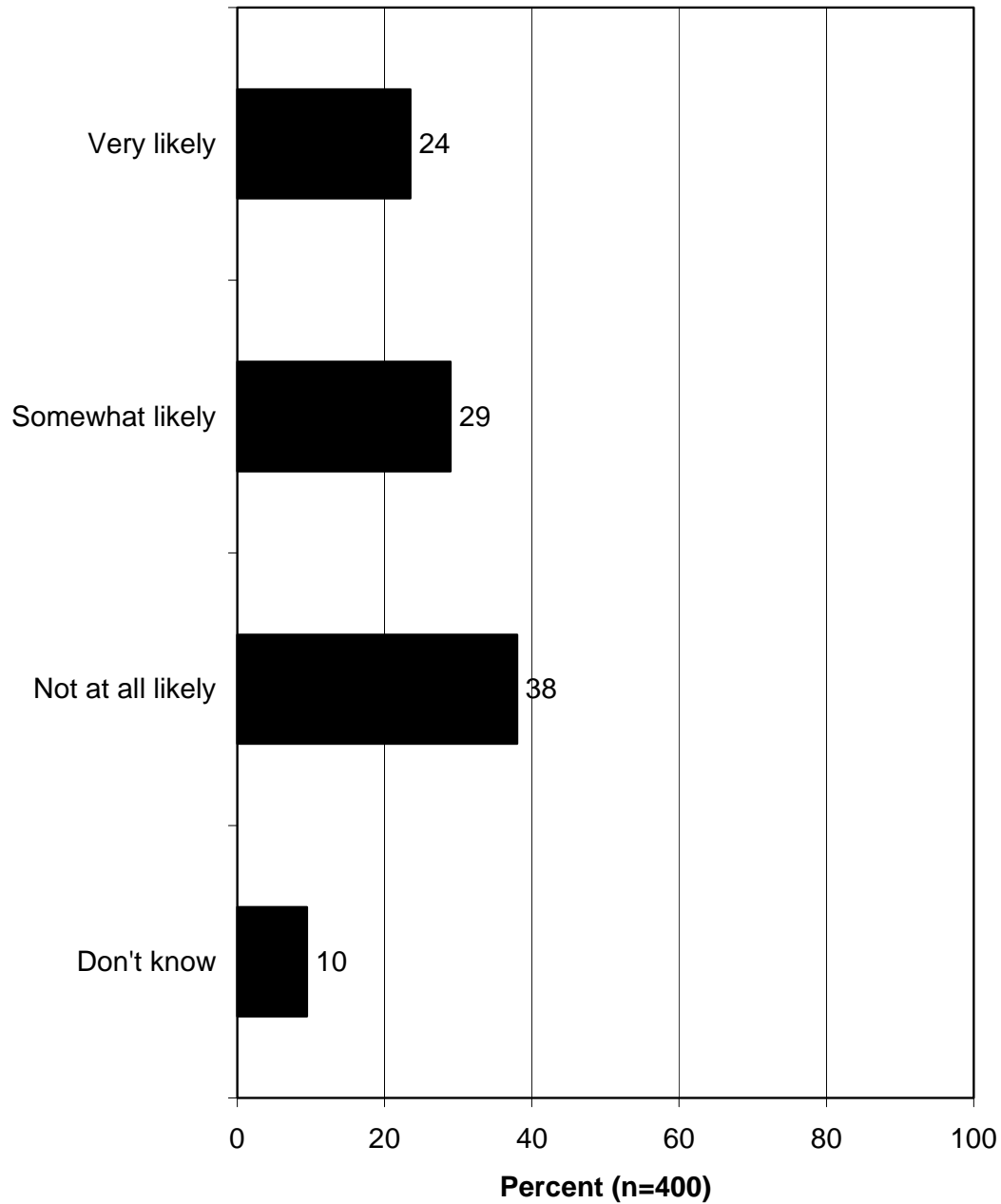
Q309. What are your reasons for being satisfied with this contact? (Asked of those who had contacted the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and were satisfied with the contact.)



Q312. What are your reasons for being dissatisfied with this contact? (Asked of those who had contacted the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and were dissatisfied with the contact.)



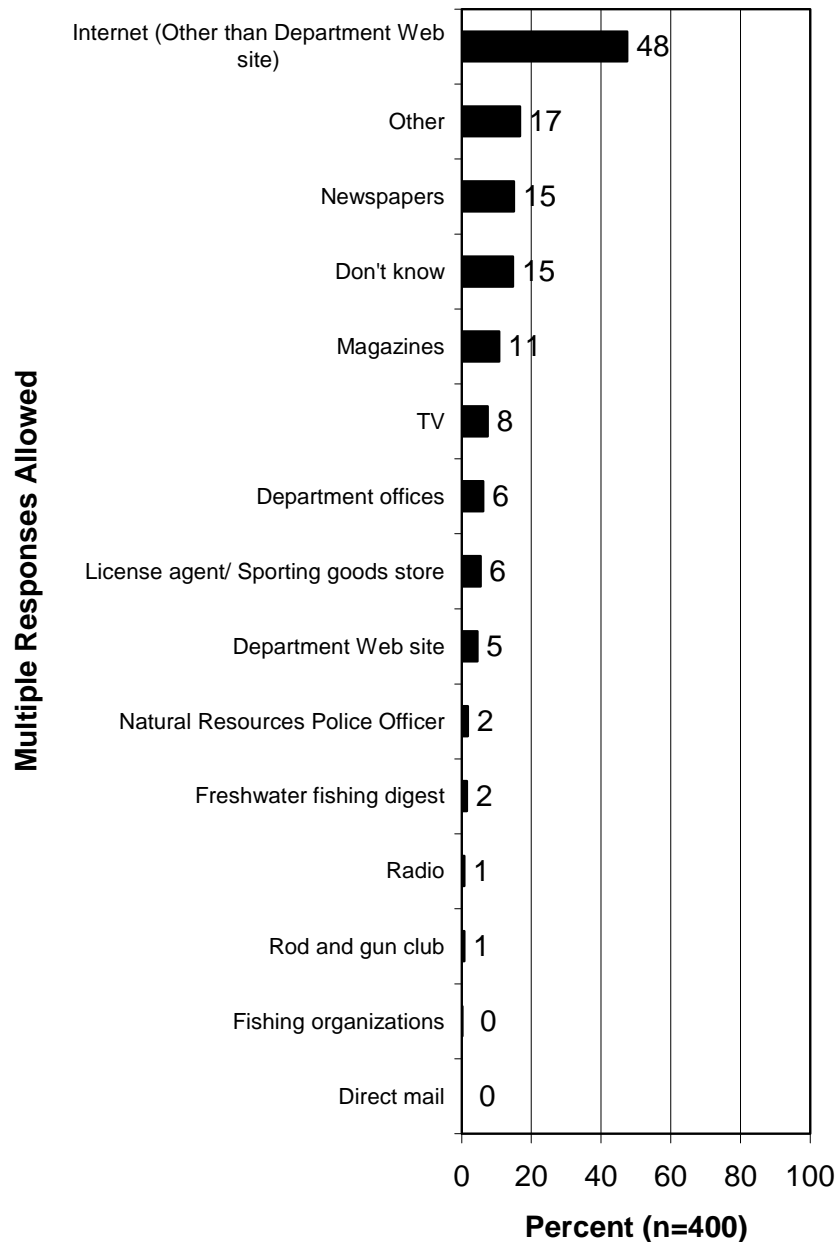
Q314. How likely are you to contact the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for information or assistance in the future?



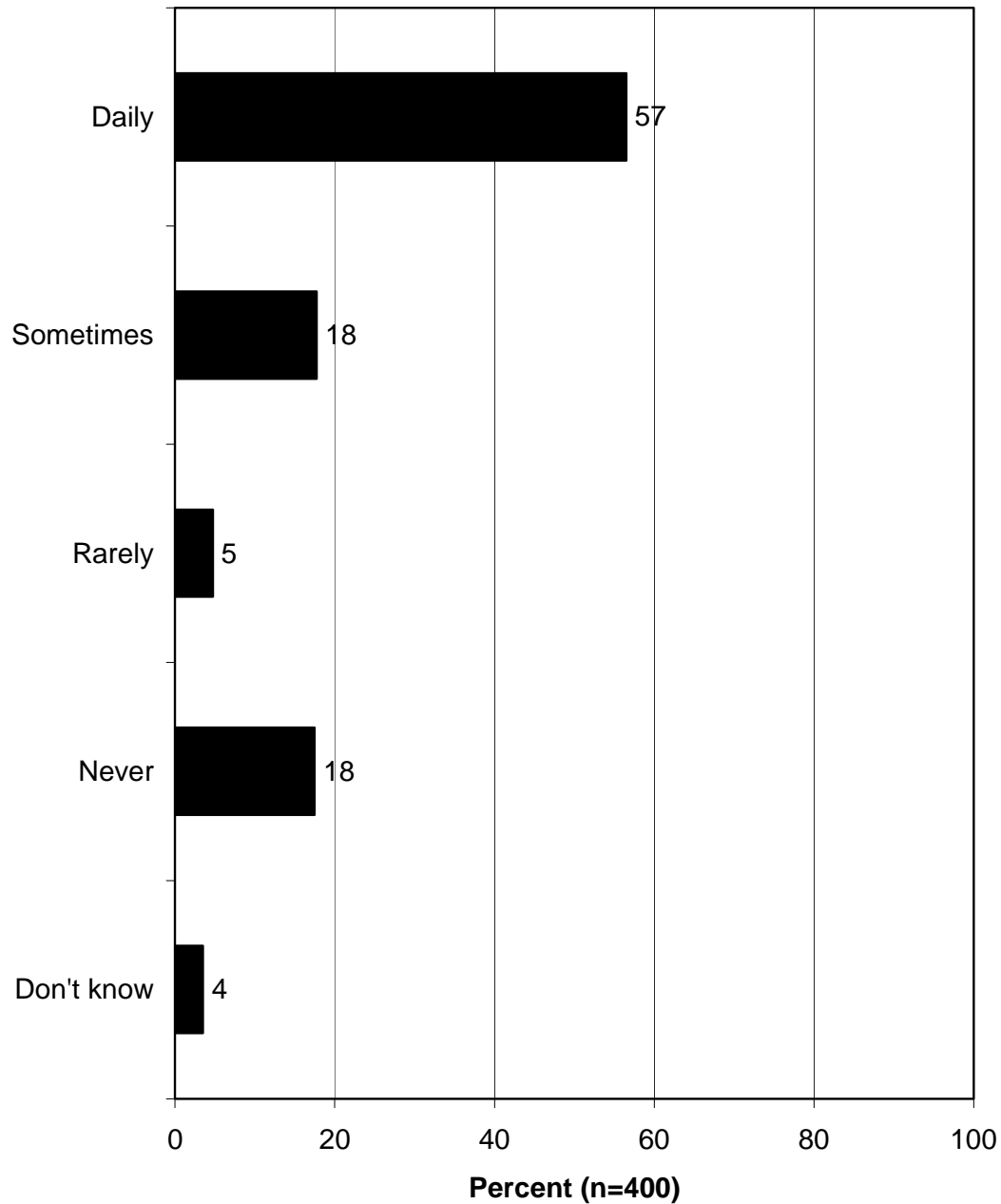
SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON FISH, WILDLIFE, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION, AND CREDIBILITY OF SOURCES

- Maryland residents look for information on fish, wildlife, and outdoor recreation on the Internet other than the Department Web site (48%), in newspapers (15%), and in magazines (11%); 5% look on the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Web site.
- Specifically regarding the Internet, a large majority of Maryland residents access the Internet “daily” or “sometimes,” with a majority of respondents having indicated that they access the Internet daily. The question regarding use of e-mail had nearly identical findings.
 - 57% access the Internet daily, and 52% use e-mail daily.
 - 18% access the Internet sometimes, and 20% use e-mail sometimes.
 - 18% never access the Internet, and 19% never use e-mail.
- The sources of information considered to be most credible are those associated with state or federal agencies or the state university; the sources considered the least credible are spokespersons for advocacy organizations, such as environmental or sportsmen’s organizations.
 - A majority said that the following sources were *very* credible:
 - biologists with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (70%), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (68%), or the state’s department of environmental protection (60%),
 - professors of environmental science or biology with the University of Maryland (63%), and
 - Maryland Natural Resources Police Officer (56%).
 - Less than a majority said that the following sources were *very* credible:
 - spokespersons with the National Wildlife Federation (49%), local environmental organizations (26%), the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (25%), and local sportsmen’s organizations (17%).

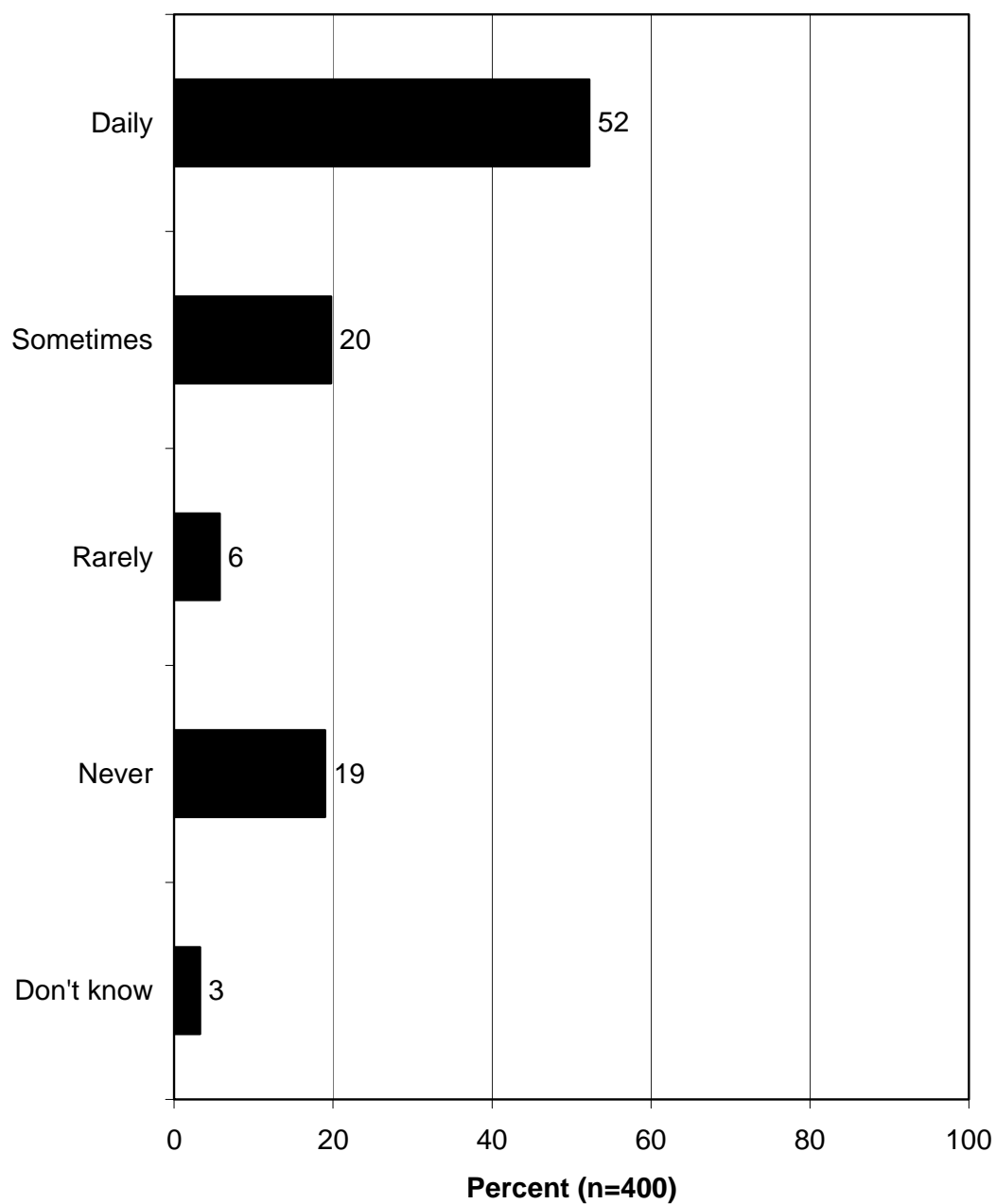
Q253. In general, where do you look for information on fish, wildlife, hunting, angling, wildlife watching, or other forms of outdoor recreation?



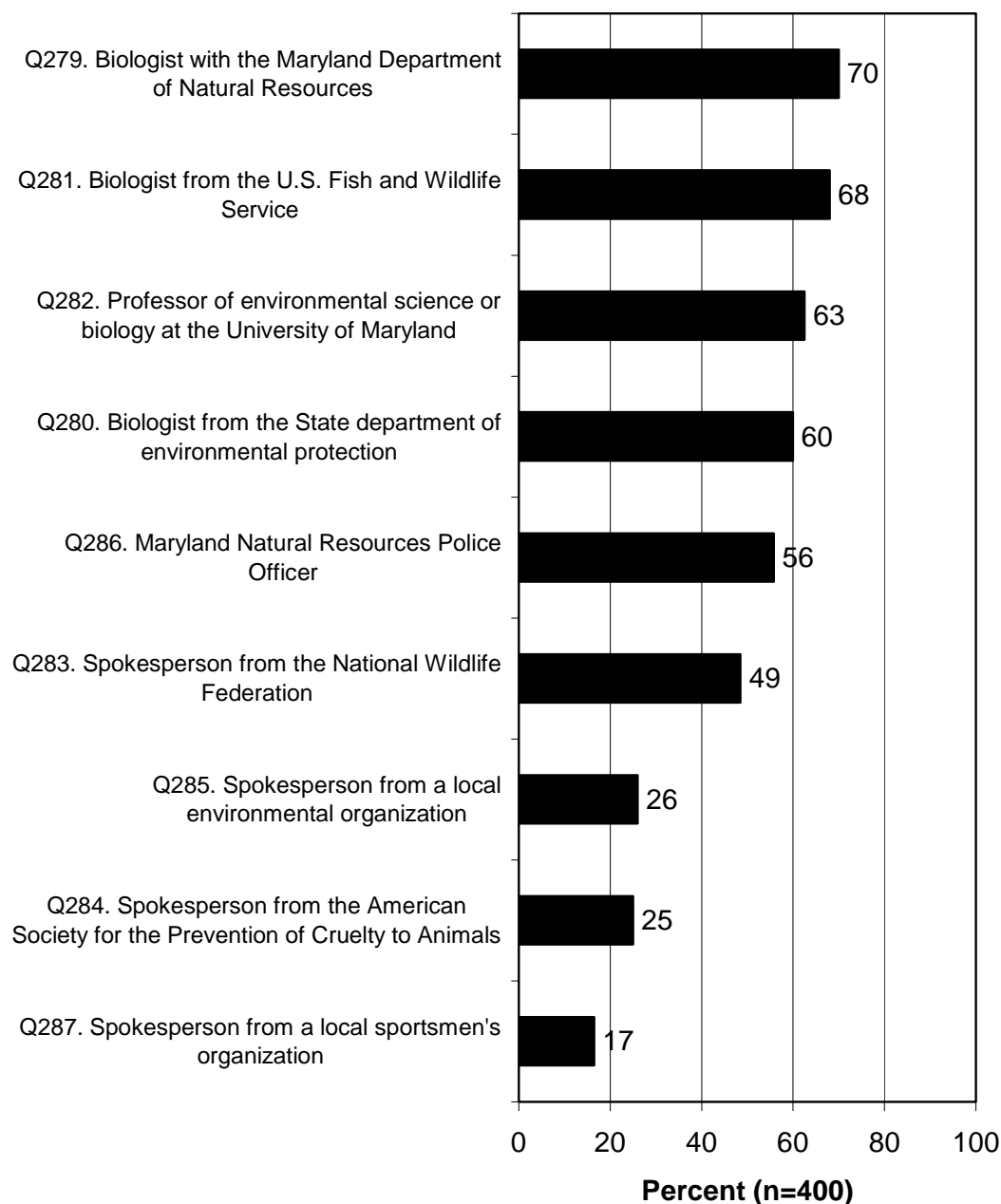
Q335. Would you say you access the Internet daily, sometimes, rarely, or never?



Q336. Would you say you use e-mail daily, sometimes, rarely, or never?



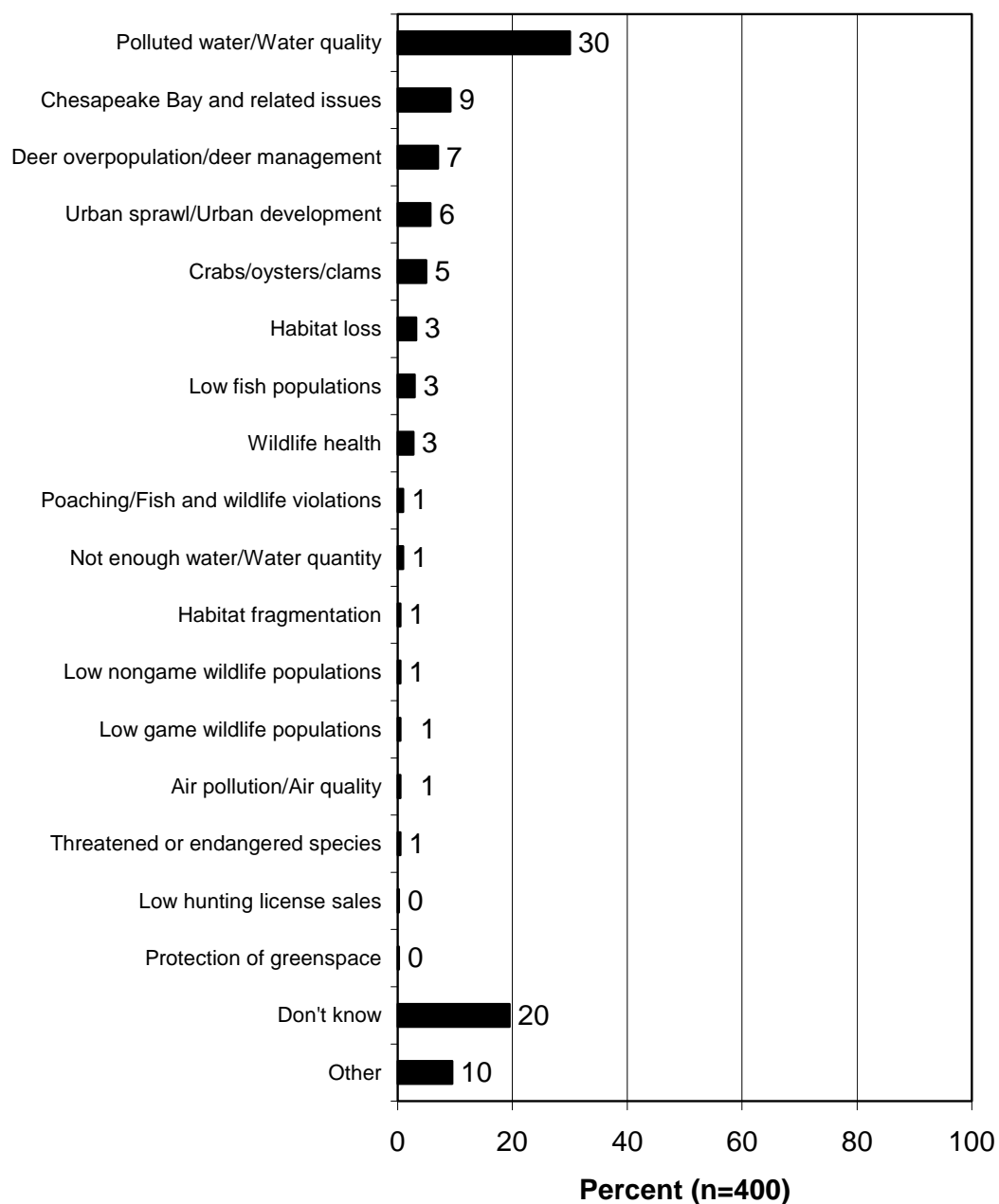
Q279-287. Percent who think the following are very credible as a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation.



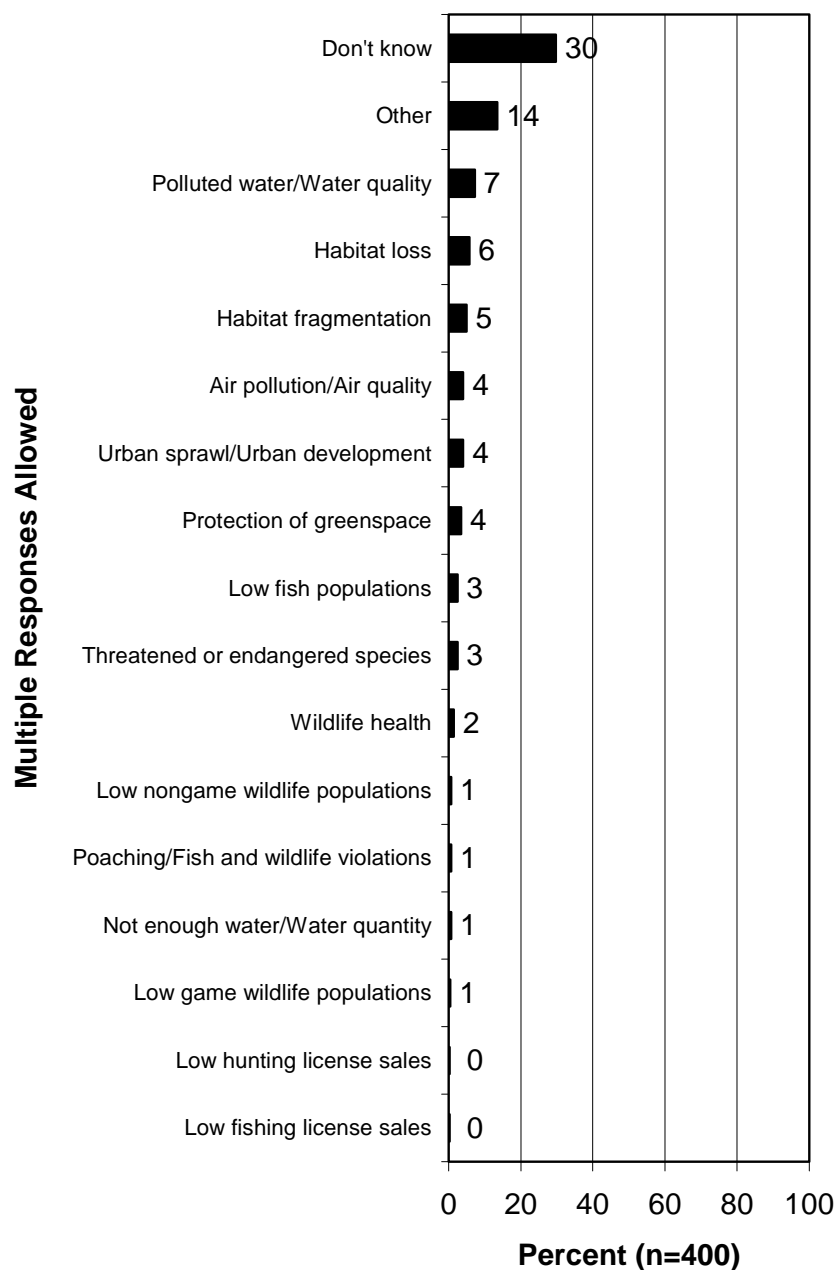
FISH AND WILDLIFE ISSUES FACING THE STATE, FISH AND WILDLIFE VALUES, AND OPINIONS ON LAND USE AND FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

- Polluted water/water quality, Chesapeake Bay-related issues, deer overpopulation, and urban sprawl are perceived to be the most important fish and wildlife issues facing Maryland today.
 - In an open-ended question wherein residents could name any fish and wildlife issue facing Maryland, 30% said polluted water/water quality was the most important issue, 9% said the Chesapeake Bay and related issues were the most important, 7% said deer overpopulation was the most important issue, and 6% said urban sprawl was the most important issue.
 - In an open-ended question wherein residents could name any other fish and wildlife issues facing Maryland, polluted water/water quality, habitat loss and fragmentation, and air pollution were at the top of the list.
- When asked to rate eight fish and wildlife values, Maryland residents' top choices were that Maryland's water resources are safe and well protected (95% rated it very important), that wildlife exists in Maryland (91%), and that natural areas exist in Maryland for enjoying and experiencing nature (90%). That people have the opportunity to fish (75%) or the opportunity to hunt (50%) were ranked lower.
- Respondents were asked whether they agreed or disagreed with six statements regarding fish and wildlife and their habitats. Just under a majority *strongly* agreed that the use and development of land should be restricted to protect fish and wildlife (49%) and that hunting and fishing are part of scientific management of healthy fish and wildlife populations (49%). The statements with the lowest percentage who strongly agreed were that landowners should be allowed to develop their land regardless of its impact on wildlife (6%) or that development for new home sites should take precedence over preserving wildlife habitat (5%). These last two statements had much larger percentages strongly disagreeing with them than did the other statements: 58% strongly disagreed that development for new home sites should take precedence over preserving wildlife habitat, and 50% strongly disagreed that landowners should be allowed to develop their land regardless of its impact on wildlife (no other statement had more than 9% in strong disagreement).

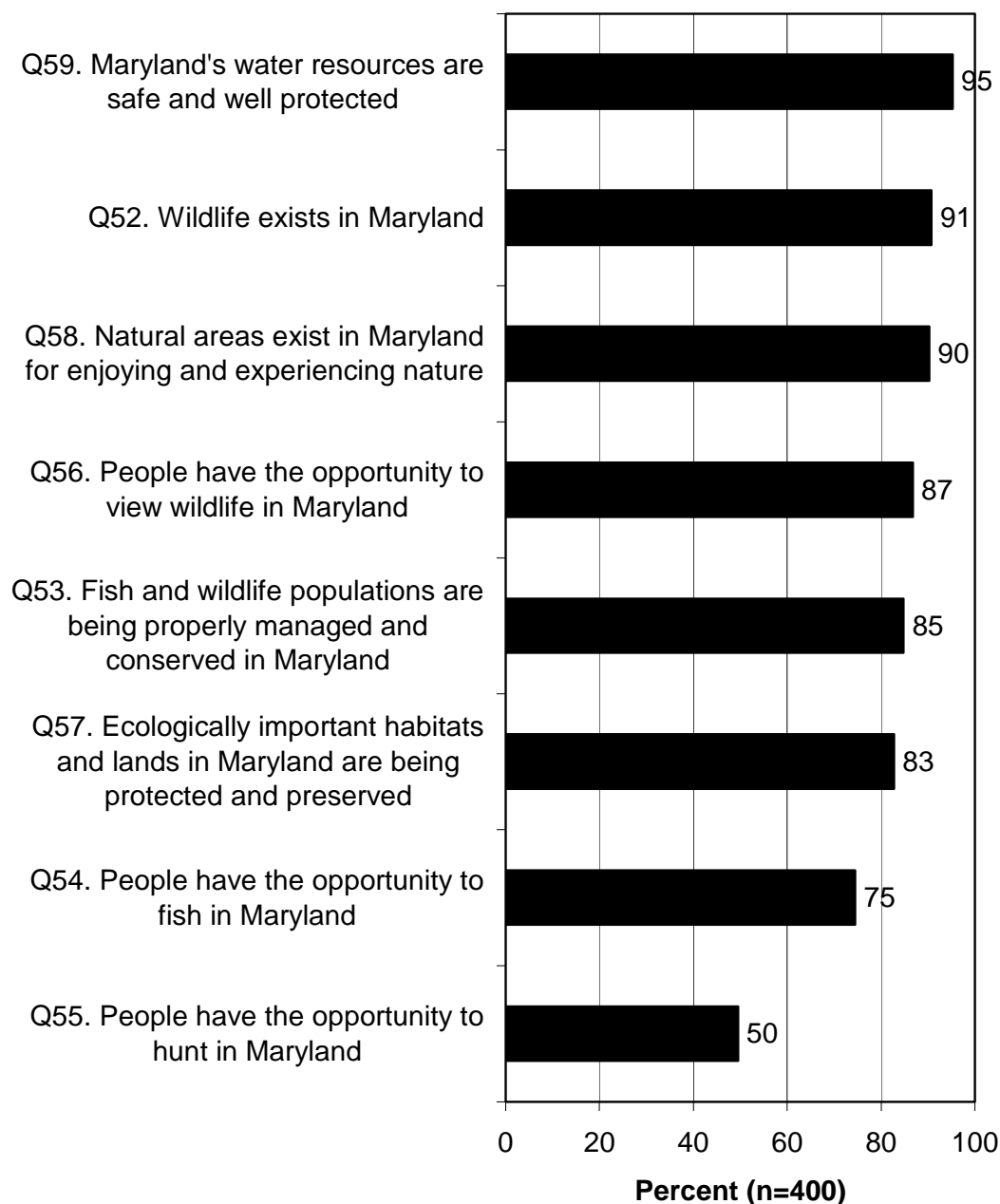
Q46. What would you say is the most important fish or wildlife issue facing Maryland today? (Open-ended question.)



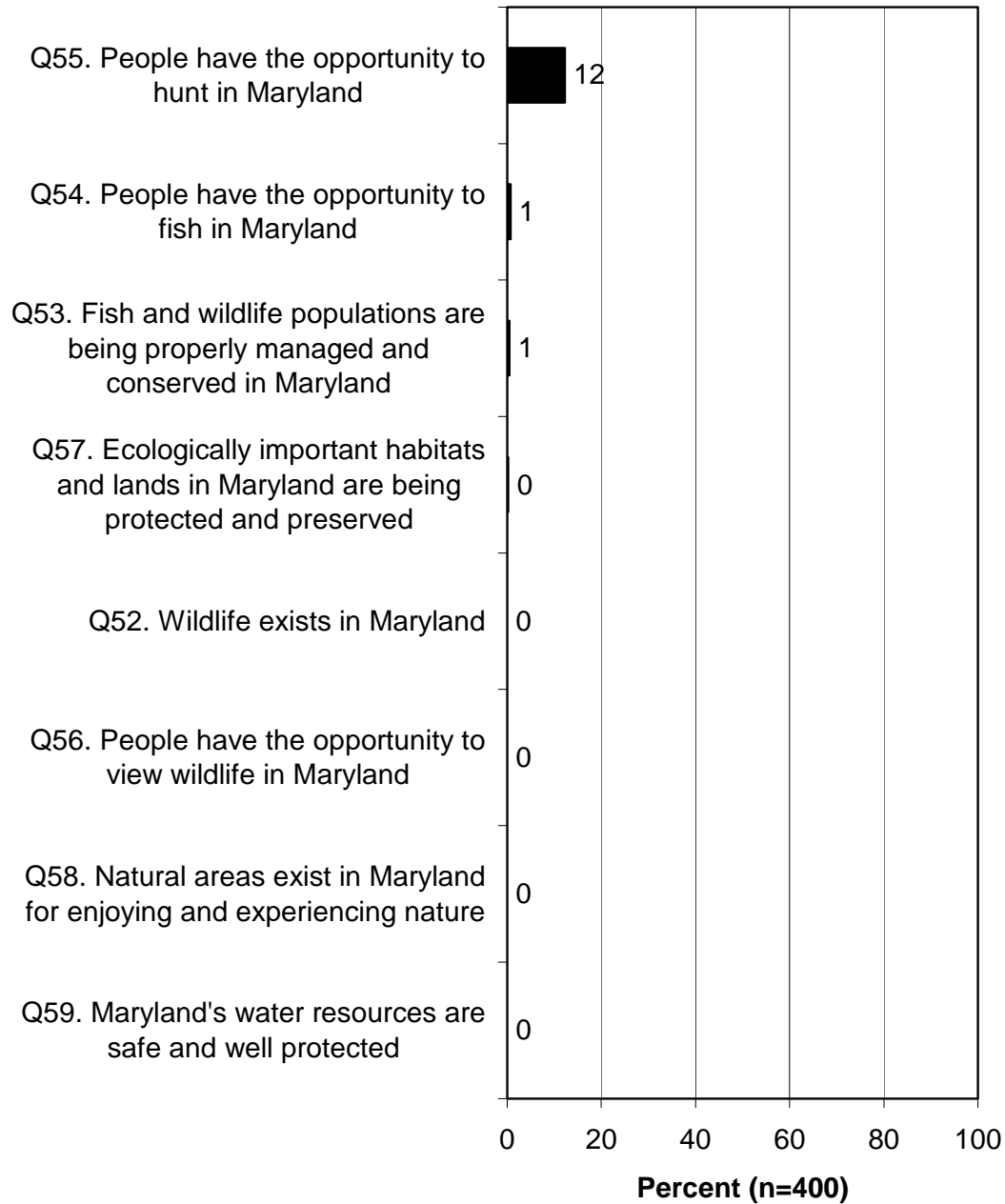
Q49. Are there any other important fish or wildlife issues facing Maryland today? (Open-ended question.)



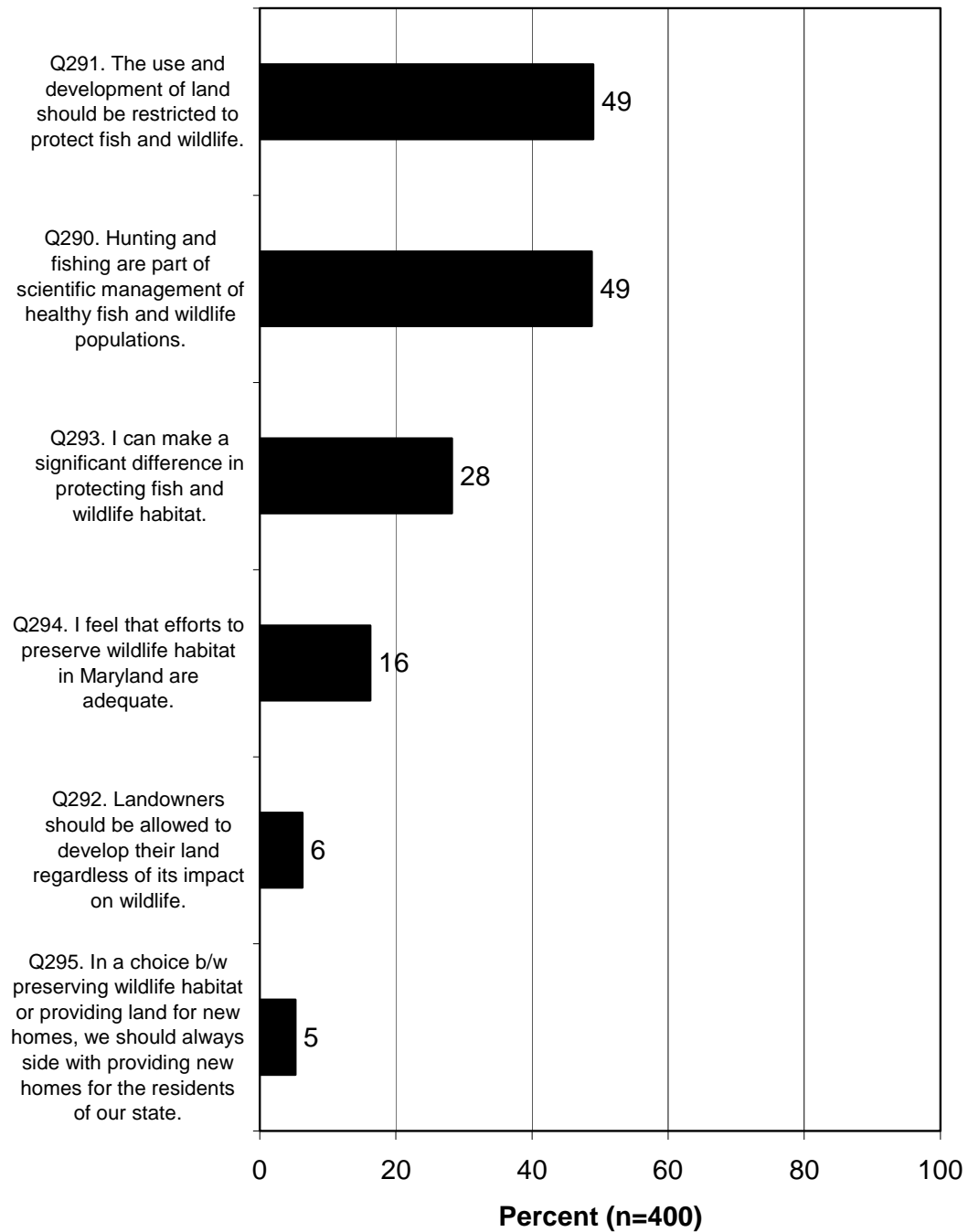
Q52-59. Percent who rated the following values as very important.

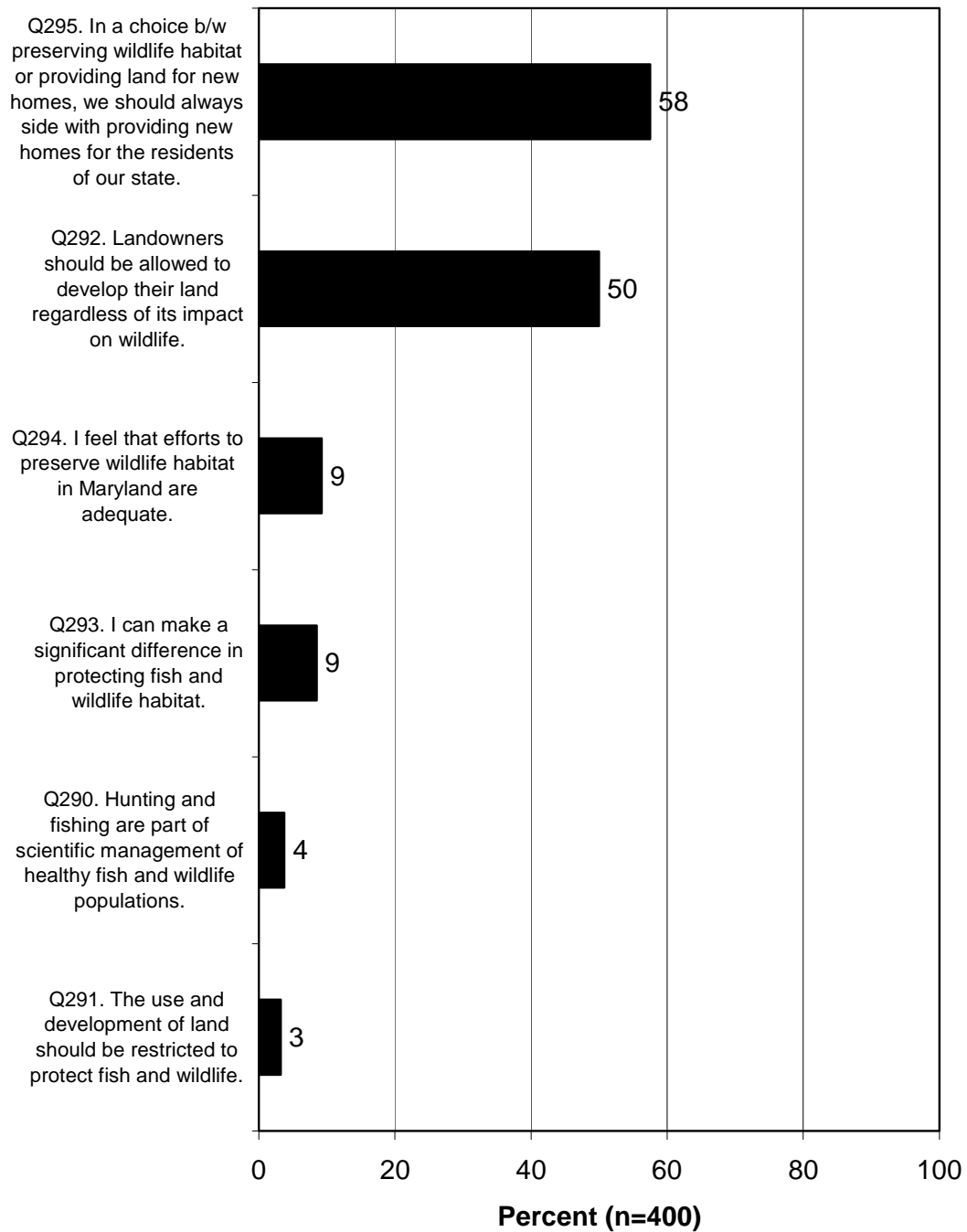


Q52-59. Percent who rated the following values as very unimportant.



Q290-295. Percent who strongly agree with the following statements.

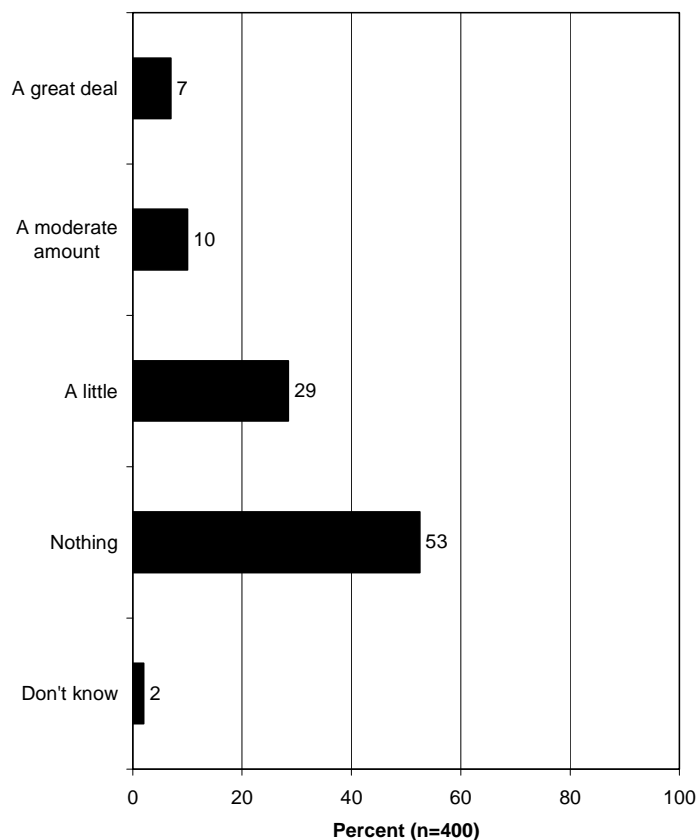


Q290-295. Percent who strongly disagree with the following statements.

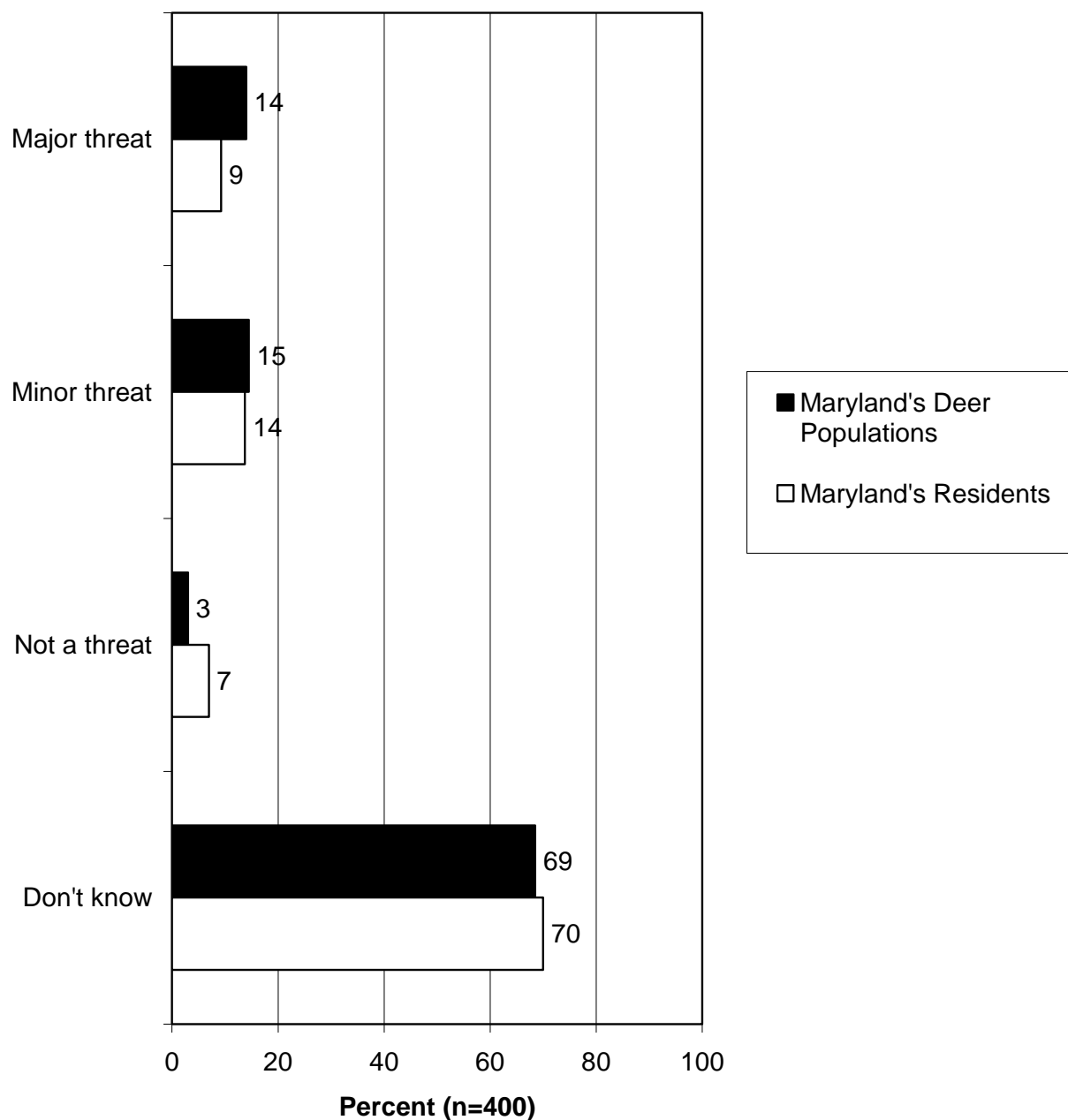
CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

- Most Maryland residents had heard a little or nothing about Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the past year. Regarding whether CWD is a threat to Maryland's deer populations or Maryland's residents, a majority of respondents answered, "Don't know." Otherwise, more people thought that CWD is a major or minor threat to wildlife and humans than thought that it is not a threat.
- 17% of respondents had heard a great deal or a moderate amount about CWD in the past year, but 29% had heard a little, and 53% had heard nothing.
 - 29% of respondents thought CWD is a major or minor threat to Maryland's deer populations, and 23% thought it was a major or minor threat to Maryland's residents.

Q60. In the past year, would you say you've heard a great deal, a moderate amount, a little, or nothing about Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)?



Q61 & 62. How great a threat do you think CWD is to Maryland's deer populations/Maryland's residents? Would you say it is a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat?



RATINGS OF IMPORTANCE OF PROGRAMS AND EFFORTS AND RATINGS OF PERFORMANCE OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN CARRYING OUT PROGRAMS AND EFFORTS

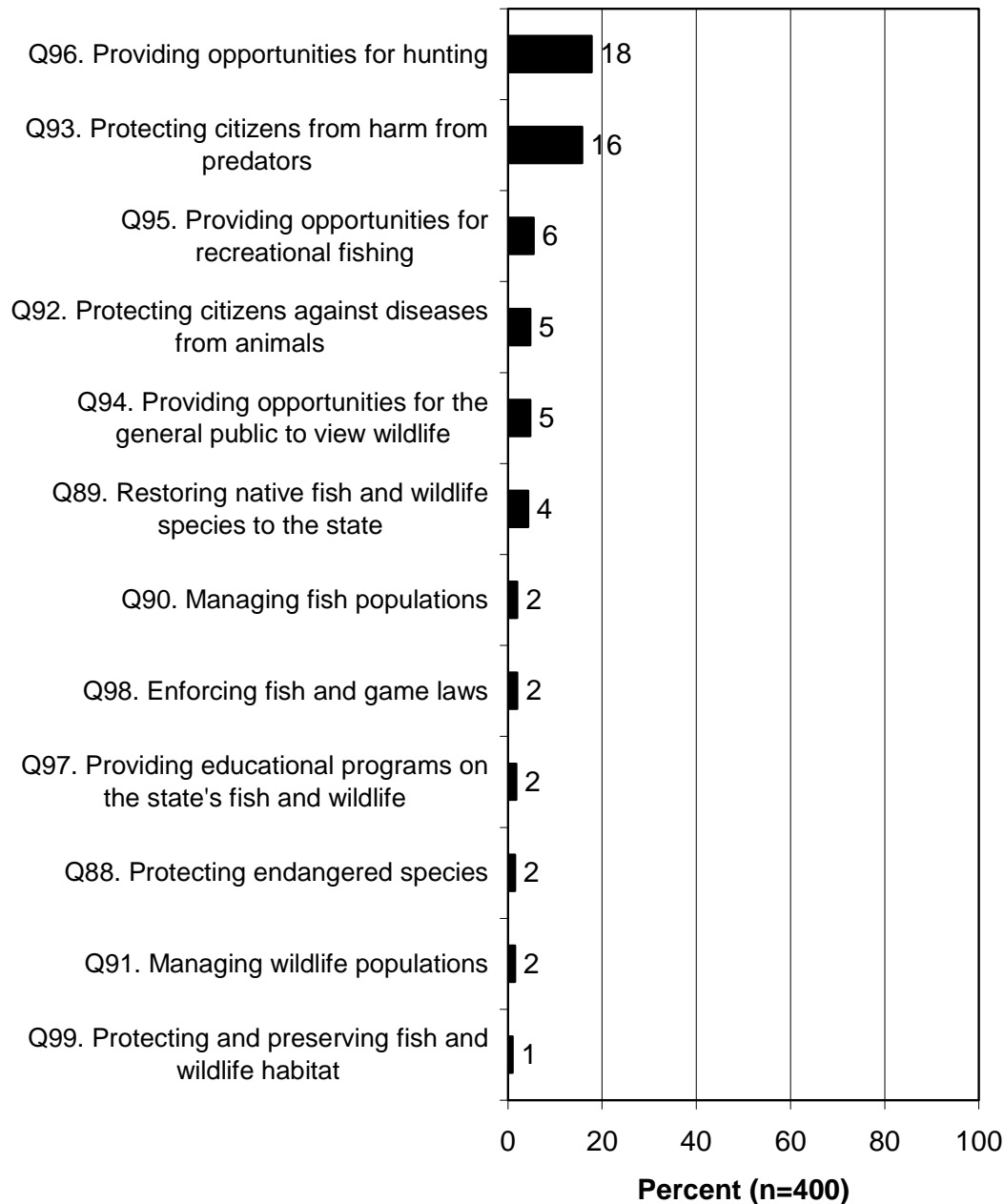
- In the ratings of importance of programs, those programs related to recreational values had the lowest percentages rating them as very important.
 - The programs with the greatest percentage of respondents having said that they were very important were protecting and preserving fish and wildlife habitat (89%), protecting endangered species (86%), enforcing fish and game laws (83%), and protecting citizens against diseases from animals (83%).
 - The programs with the lowest percentages having said that they were very important were providing hunting opportunities (48%), protecting citizens from harm from predators (59%), providing recreational fishing opportunities (65%), and providing opportunities for the general public to view wildlife (71%).
- In comparing importance ratings and performance ratings, some interesting differences emerge. The three tables at the end of this section show the percentage rating the program/effort as very important, the percentage rating the Department's performance of the program/effort as excellent, and a comparison of the rankings of these ratings. Four programs/efforts had a notable disparity in the ranking of importance and the ranking of performance, including all of the programs/efforts that concern providing recreational opportunities: providing recreational fishing opportunities (ranked 10th in importance, but ranked 1st in performance), providing opportunities for the general public to view wildlife (ranked 9th in importance, ranked 2nd in performance), and providing hunting opportunities (ranked 11th in importance, ranked 5th in performance).
- Finally, scatterplot graphs show in another way how perceptions of programmatic importance relate to perceptions of programmatic performance. In this graph, the answers to the importance ratings and performance ratings were converted to means. This was done by assigning a value to each of the answers in the rating as follows: very unimportant = 1, somewhat unimportant = 2, neither = 3, somewhat important = 4, and very important = 5;

poor = 1, fair = 2, good = 3, and excellent = 4. To allow them to be more easily compared, both sets of means were converted to have a maximum of 20. They were plotted in the scatterplot: from bottom to top, importance ratings increase; from left to right, performance ratings increase. Note that the first scatterplot graph does not include the entire scale (4 to 20 for importance, 5 to 20 for performance) because all programs/efforts would be clustered too close together for visual clarity. The graph shows that providing hunting opportunities and providing recreational fishing opportunities have high performance ratings but *relatively* low importance ratings; managing wildlife populations and restoring native fish and wildlife to the state have low performance ratings relative to their importance ratings. In the second scatterplot graph, which shows the entire scale, *all* programs/efforts are in the upper right quadrant of the graph, at high importance *and* high performance.

Q88-99. Percent who think the following are very important programs for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.



Q88-99. Percent who think the following are somewhat or very unimportant programs for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.



Percentage Rating the Programs/Efforts Very Important

Program/Effort	Percentage Rating It Very Important
Q88. Protecting endangered species	86
Q89. Restoring native fish and wildlife species to the state	71
Q90. Managing fish populations	77
Q91. Managing wildlife populations	81
Q92. Protecting citizens against diseases from animals	83
Q94. Providing opportunities for the general public to view wildlife	71
Q95. Providing opportunities for recreational fishing	65
Q96. Providing opportunities for hunting	48
Q97. Providing educational programs on the state's fish and wildlife	78
Q98. Enforcing fish and game laws	83
Q99. Protecting and preserving fish and wildlife habitat	89

Percentage Rating the Performance of the Programs/Efforts as Excellent

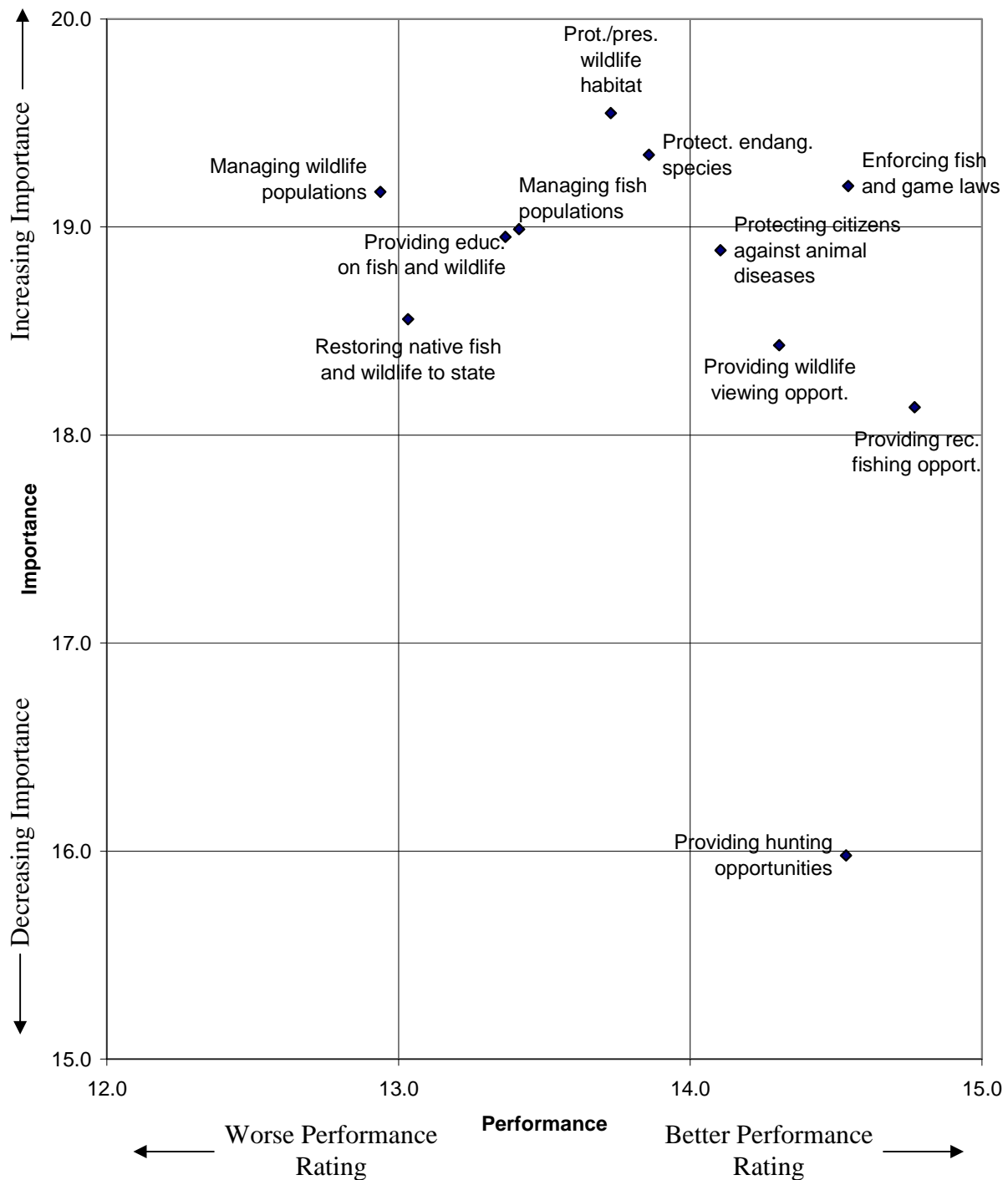
Program/Effort	Percentage Rating the Performance of It as Excellent
Q141. Protecting endangered species	10
Q142. Restoring native fish and wildlife species to the state	6
Q143. Managing fish populations	6
Q144. Managing wildlife populations	7
Q145. Protecting citizens against diseases from animals	10
Q146. Providing opportunities for the general public to view wildlife	12
Q147. Providing recreational fishing opportunities	13
Q148. Providing hunting opportunities	10
Q149. Providing educational programs regarding fish and wildlife	7
Q150. Enforcing fish and game laws	11
Q151. Protecting and preserving wildlife habitat	9

Comparison of Ranking of Importance Ratings and Performance Ratings

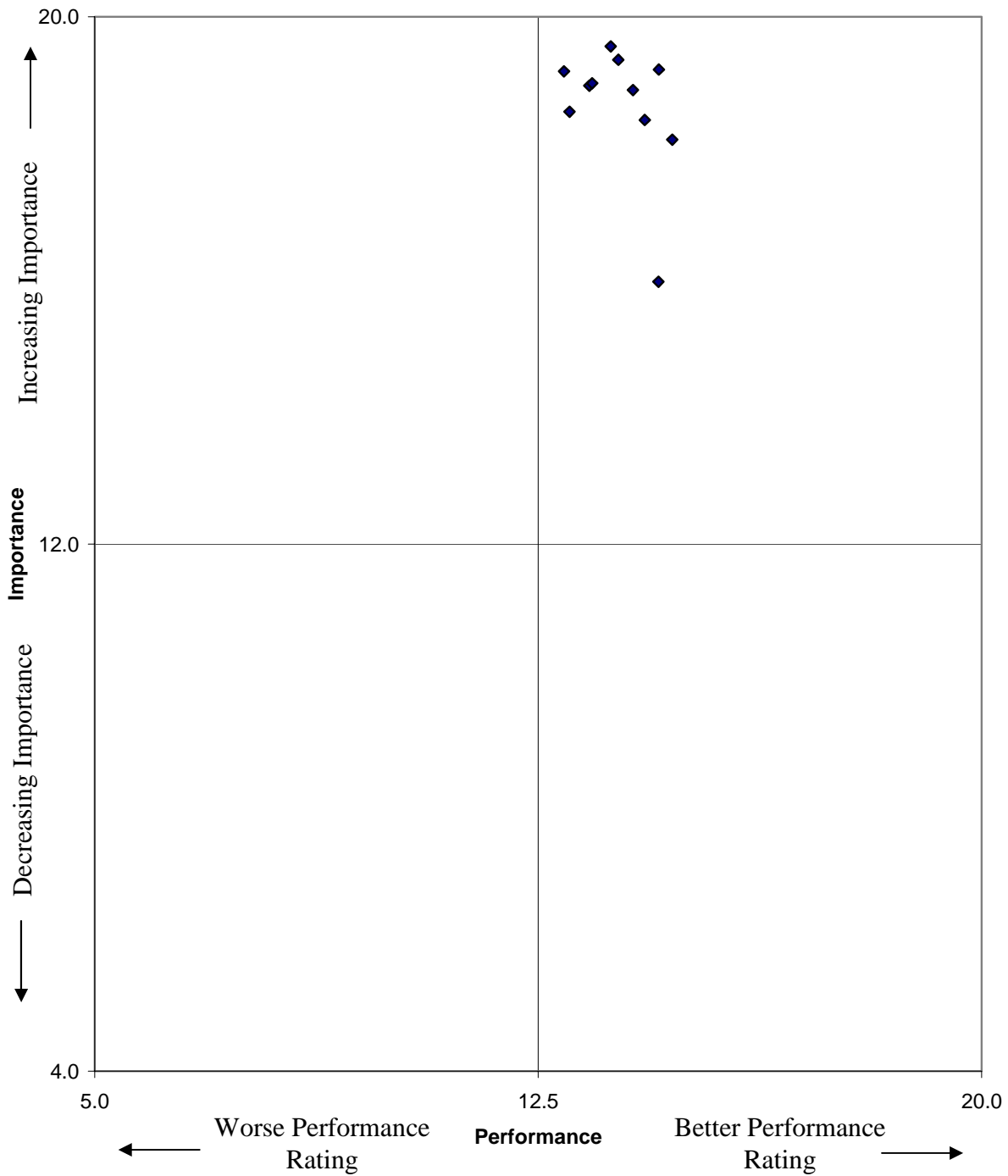
Program/Effort	Importance Ranking	Performance Ranking
Q88/141. Protecting endangered species	2	5 (tie)
Q89/142. Restoring native fish and wildlife species to the state	8	10 (tie)
Q90/143. Managing fish populations	7	10 (tie)
Q91/144. Managing wildlife populations	5	9
Q92/145. Protecting citizens against diseases from animals	4	4
Q94/146. Providing opportunities for the general public to view wildlife	9	2
Q95/147. Providing opportunities for recreational fishing	10	1
Q96/148. Providing opportunities for hunting	11	5 (tie)
Q97/149. Providing educational programs on the state's fish and wildlife	6	8
Q98/150. Enforcing fish and game laws	3	3
Q99/151. Protecting and preserving fish and wildlife habitat	1	7

Shading indicates where the ranking differs by 5 or more places. For ranking, data were considered to the fourth decimal place, although the data are shown in the tables as integers.

Comparison of ratings of importance and performance of programs/efforts.



Comparison of ratings of importance and performance of programs/efforts.



Note that this graph includes the entire scale simply to show in which quadrant all of the programs were located; see graph on previous page for a more detailed examination.

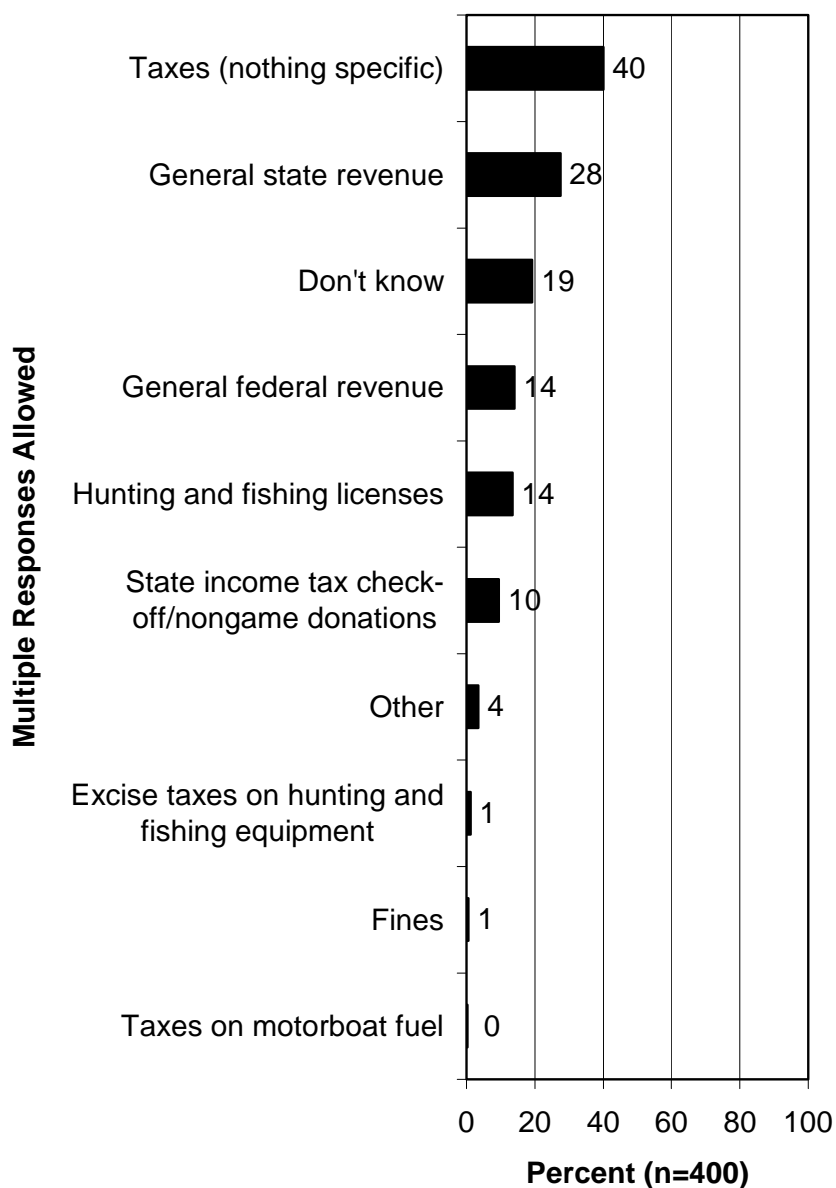
FUNDING FOR THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND FISHING/HUNTING LICENSE FEES

- In an open-ended question wherein respondents could name any funding source, Maryland residents most commonly thought that unspecified taxes (40%), general state revenue (28%), general federal revenue (14%), and hunting and fishing licenses (14%) were funding sources for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. A very low percentage knew of the important source of Federal Aid in Sportfish Restoration (i.e., excise taxes on fishing equipment and motorboat fuel) and Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration (i.e., excise taxes on hunting equipment).
 - 1% of respondents named excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment as a source of funding for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.
 - Less than 1% of respondents named taxes on motorboat fuel as a source of funding for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.
 - Hunters and anglers were more likely than respondents overall to name hunting and fishing licenses.
- People, in general, attribute funding for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to include general tax revenues.
 - More respondents disagreed than agreed with the following statement: “Fees from hunting and fishing licenses, excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment, and a portion of the existing tax on motorboat fuel are the only sources of funds for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. It does not receive funding from general state tax revenues.”
 - 13% agreed with this statement, but 40% disagreed; a substantial percentage (46%) answered that they did not know.
 - Anglers were slightly more likely than were respondents overall to agree (23%), while anglers’ disagreement was essentially the same (43%); hunters were more likely to disagree (60%) with the statement than were respondents overall, but their agreement was essentially the same (15%).
 - More respondents agreed than disagreed with the following statement: “The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is funded by a variety of sources,

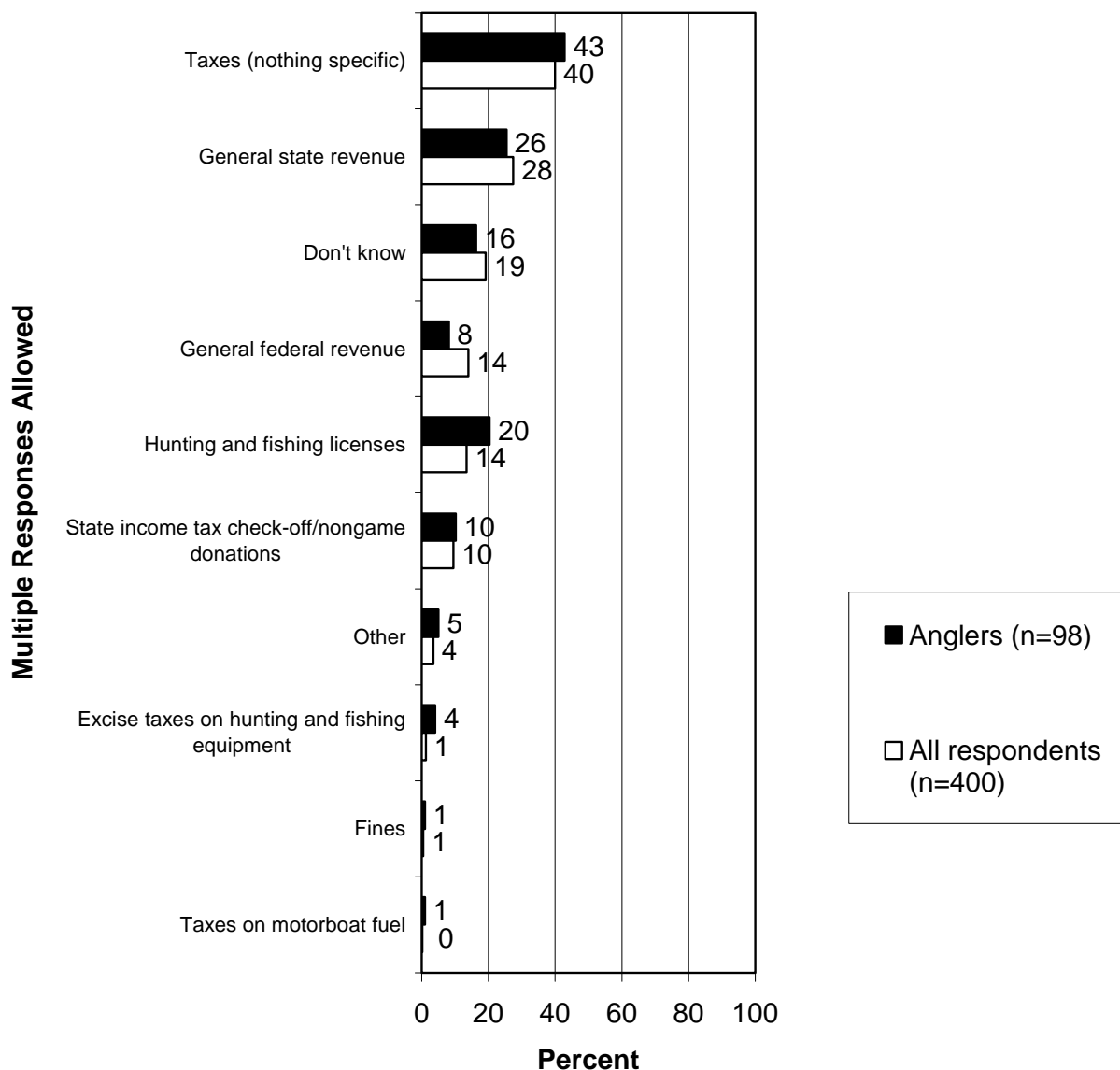
- including general state tax revenues, excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment, a portion of the existing tax on motorboat fuel, and hunting and fishing license fees.”
- 60% agreed with this statement, and 4% disagreed; a substantial percentage (35%) answered that they did not know.
 - Anglers and hunters were slightly more likely to agree *or disagree* with the statement than were respondents overall because they were less likely to answer, “Don’t know.”
- Other than the “Don’t know” response, Maryland residents most commonly thought that the fee for a hunting license or a fishing license was about the right price in Maryland.
- 27% of respondents thought that the fee for a hunting license was about the right price; neither response of “too high” or “too low” had more than 6%.
 - 37% of respondents thought that the fee for a fishing license was about the right price; neither response of “too high” or “too low” had more than 5%.
- Of those who consider themselves to be hunters, a majority thought that the fee for a hunting license was about the right price. A much greater percentage of hunters than respondents overall thought the fee was too high.
- 27% of hunters, compared to 5% of respondents overall, felt that the fee for a hunting license was too high (62% of hunters thought the fee was about the right price).
- A majority of those who consider themselves to be anglers thought that the fee for a fishing license was about the right price; anglers were only slightly more likely than respondents overall to think the fishing license fee was too high.
- 9% of anglers, compared to 5% of respondents overall, felt that the fee for a fishing license was too high (67% of anglers thought the fee was about the right price).
- There was more support than opposition to increases in user fees, such as hunting and fishing licenses, for two objectives: to cover the costs of protecting and managing fish and wildlife and if it meant more opportunities for these activities.

- 66% of respondents overall strongly or moderately supported increases in user fees to cover the costs of protecting and managing fish and wildlife, while 18% opposed. Among anglers, relative to all respondents, support was essentially the same, but opposition was higher: 66% of anglers strongly or moderately supported, while 26% of anglers opposed. Among hunters, relative to all respondents, support was just slightly lower, but opposition was higher: 60% of hunters strongly or moderately supported, while 36% of hunters opposed.
 - 66% of respondents overall strongly or moderately supported increases in user fees if it meant more opportunities for these activities, and 18% opposed. Among hunters and anglers, relative to all respondents, support was higher than among respondents overall (opposition was about the same): 76% of hunters strongly or moderately supported and 18% of hunters moderately or strongly opposed, and 73% of anglers strongly or moderately supported and 19% of anglers moderately or strongly opposed.
- A much greater percentage of respondents agreed than disagreed that the costs for *managing* fish and wildlife should be paid through specific user fees, such as hunting and fishing licenses. A much greater percentage of respondents supported than opposed using general state tax revenues to *provide information* on fish and wildlife.
- 69% of respondents overall agreed that the costs for managing fish and wildlife should be paid through specific user fees, such as hunting and fishing licenses; 19% disagreed. Among hunters, 78% agreed and 20% disagreed. Among anglers, 69% agreed and 24% disagreed.
 - 78% of respondents overall supported using general state tax revenues to provide information on fish and wildlife matters; 12% opposed. Among hunters, 78% supported and 14% opposed. Among anglers, 84% supported and 10% opposed.

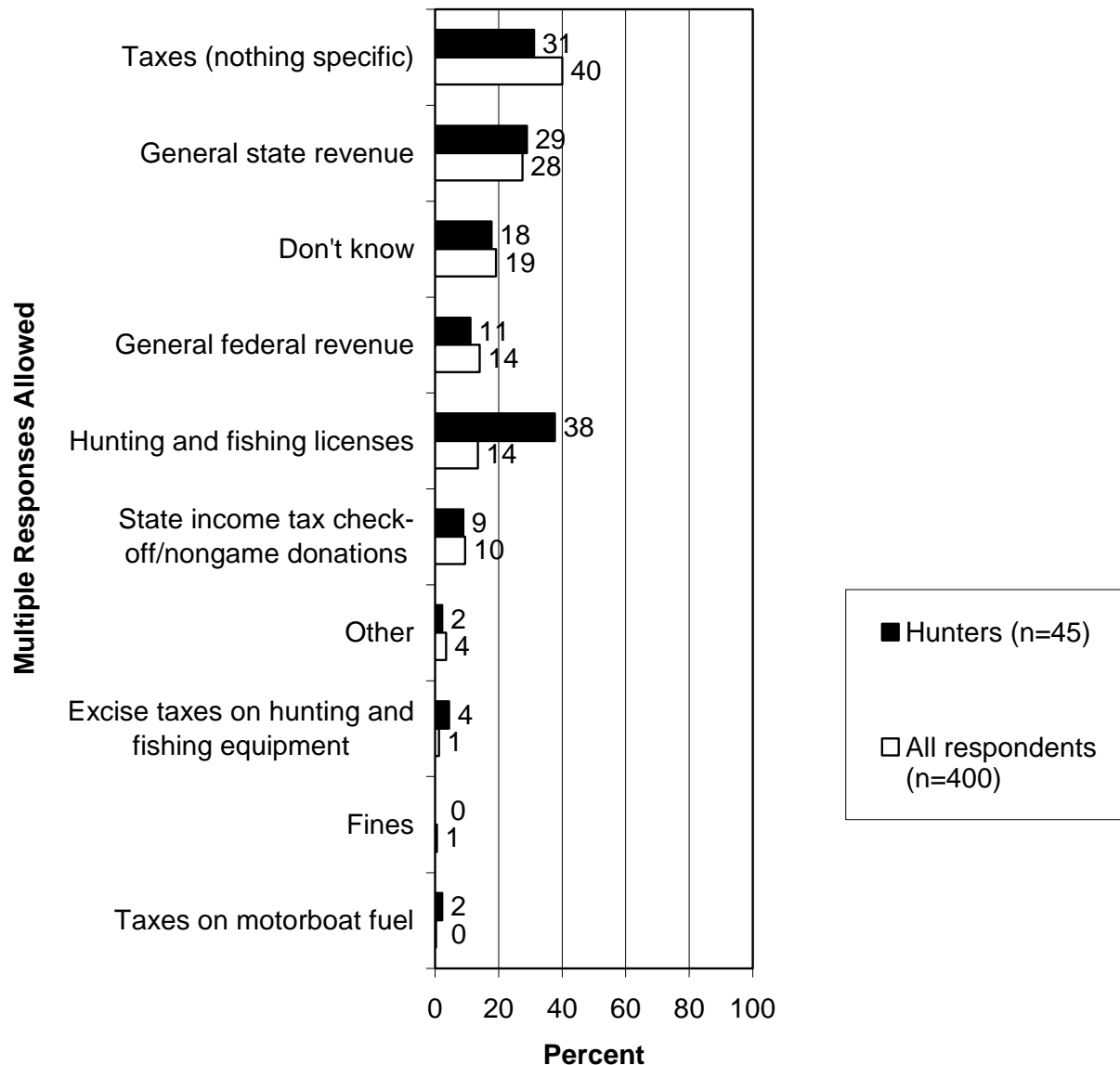
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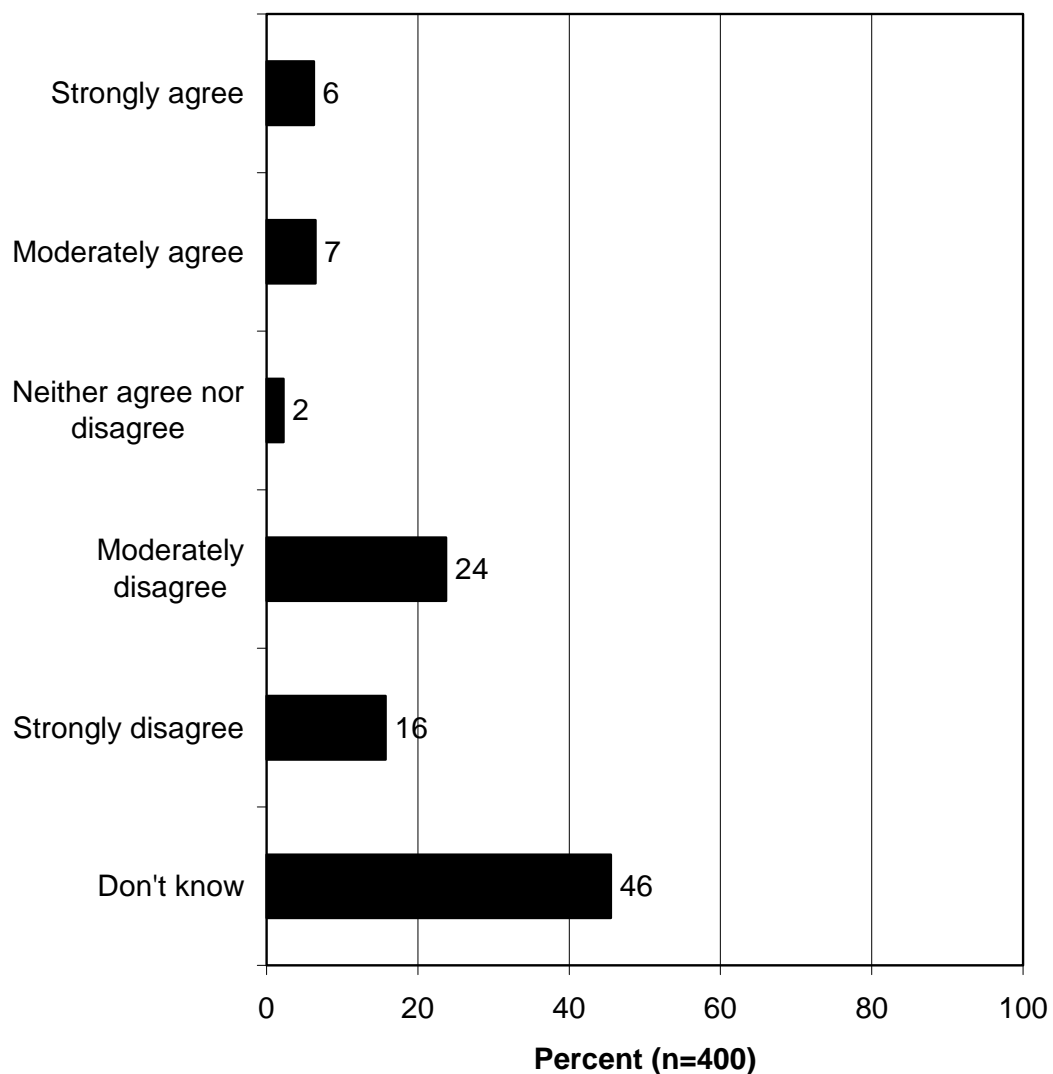
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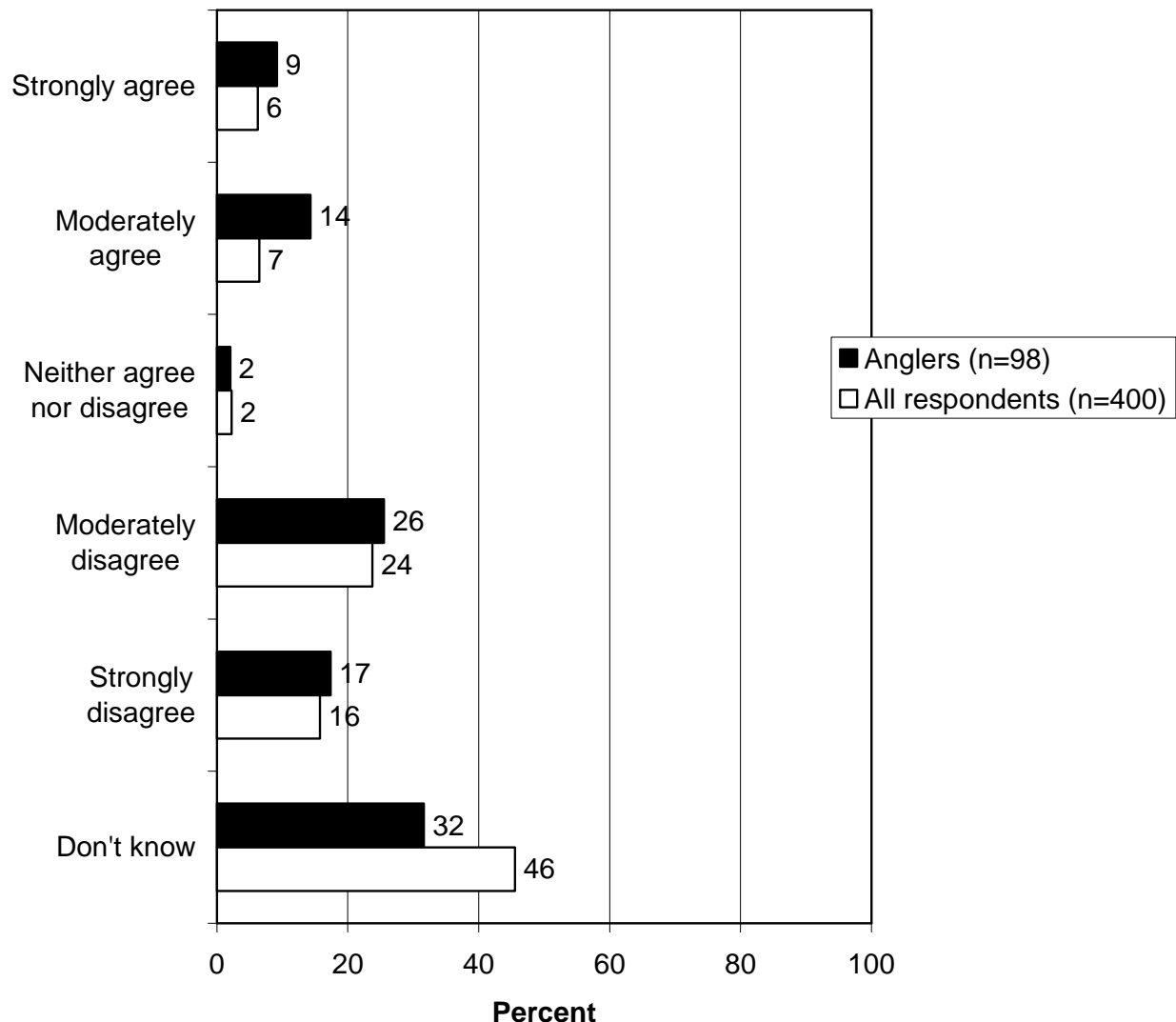
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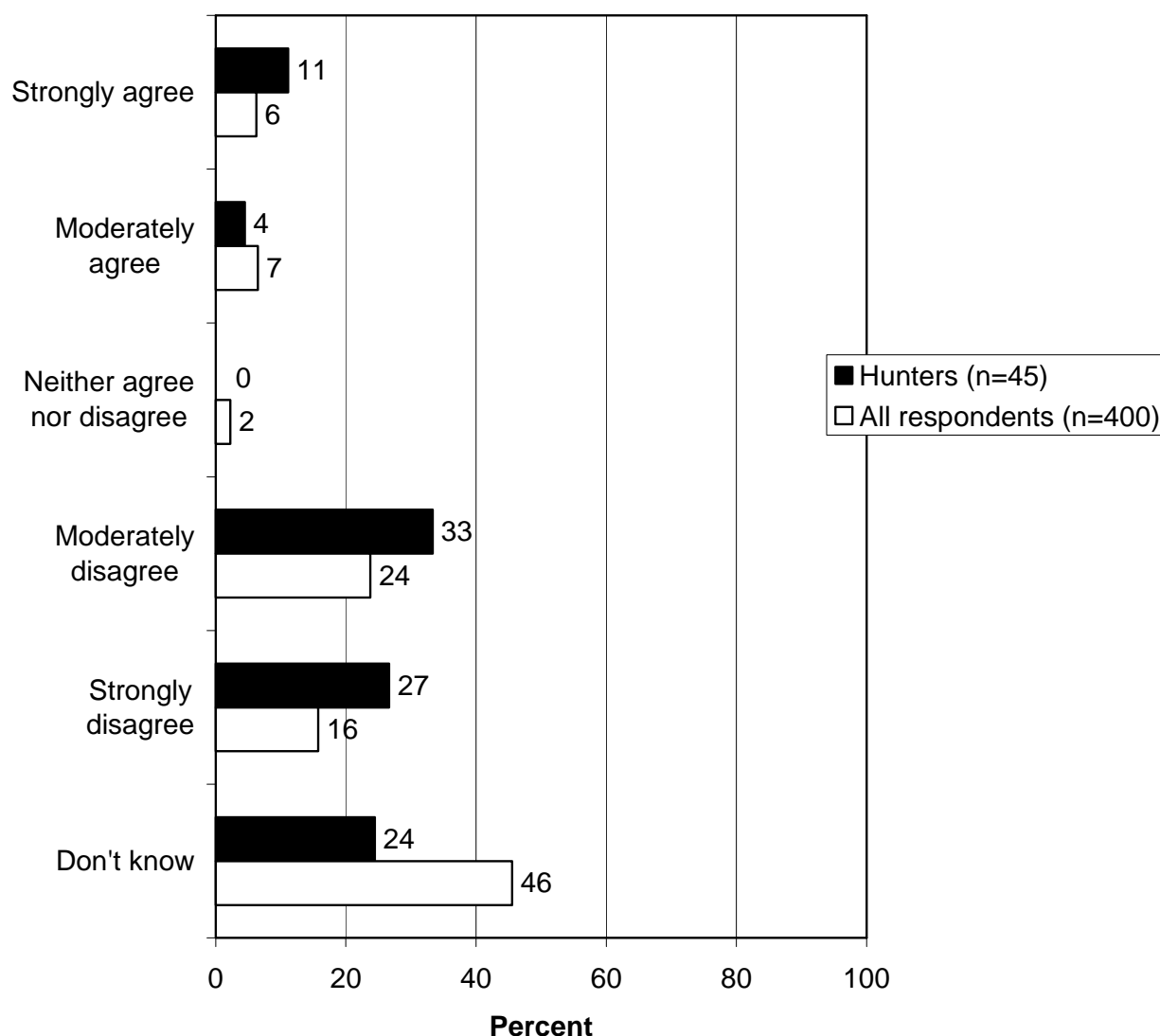
Q111. Fees from hunting and fishing licenses, excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment, and a portion of the existing tax on motorboat fuel are the only source of funds for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. It does not receive funding from general state tax revenues. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?



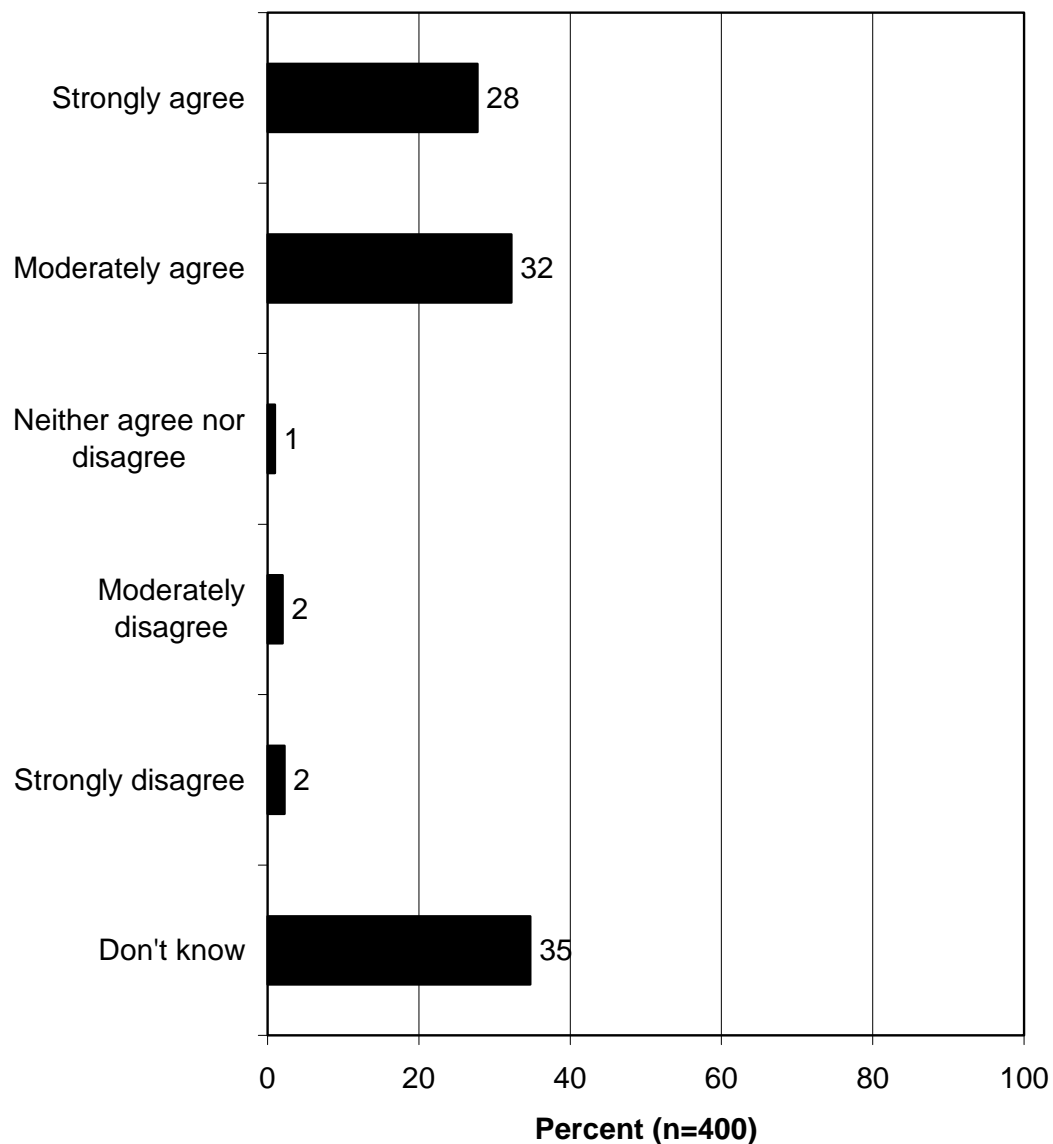
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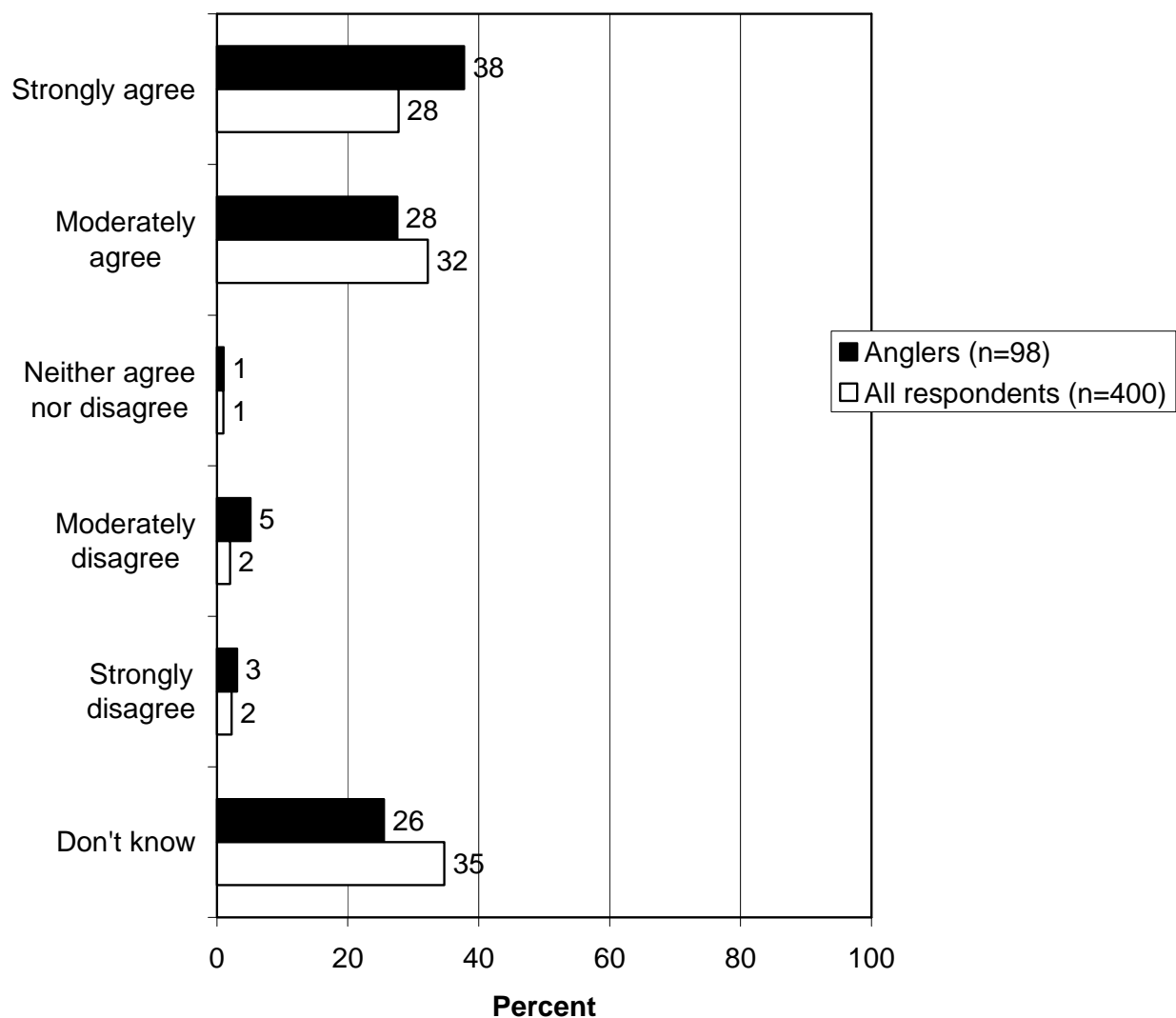
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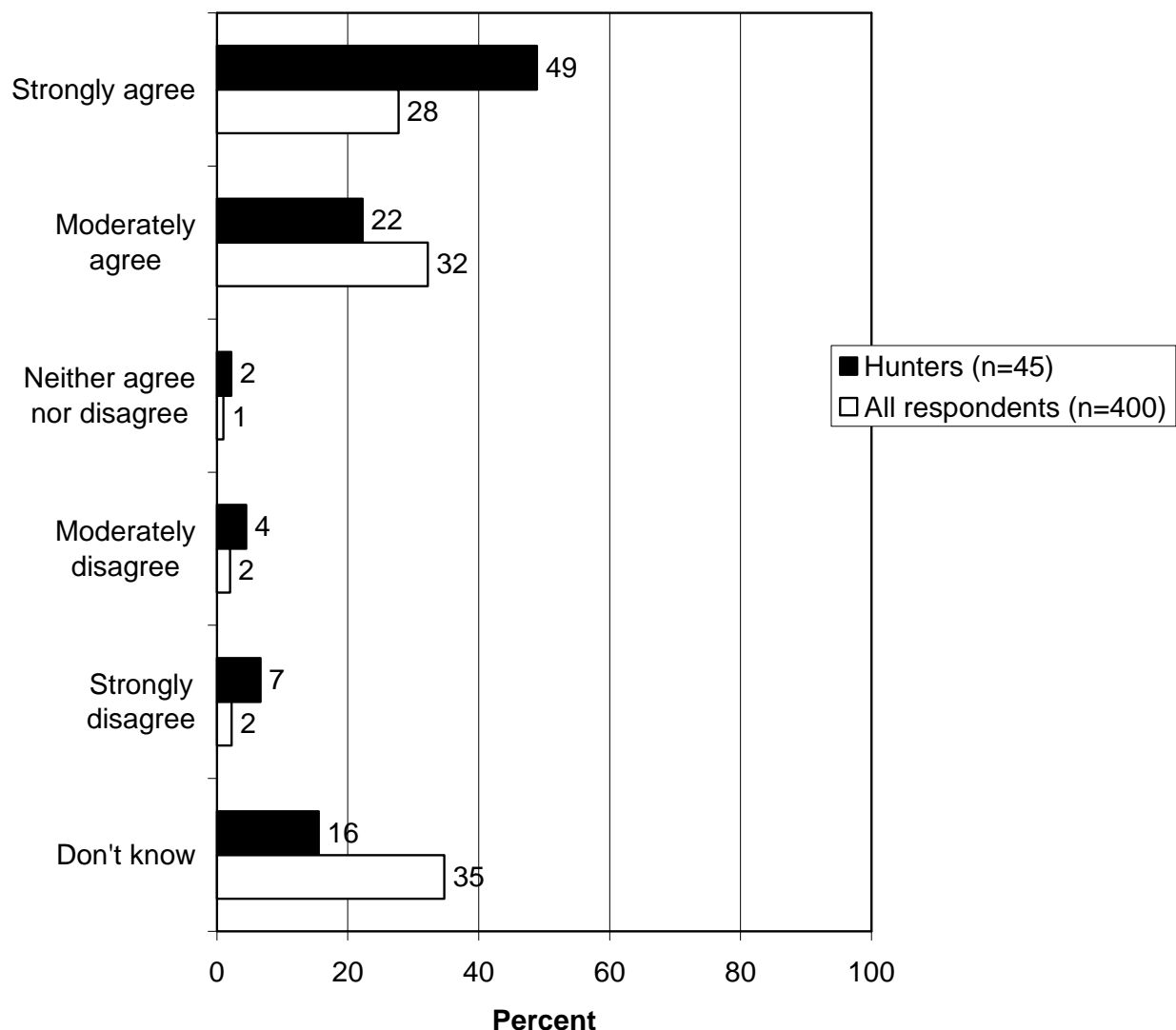
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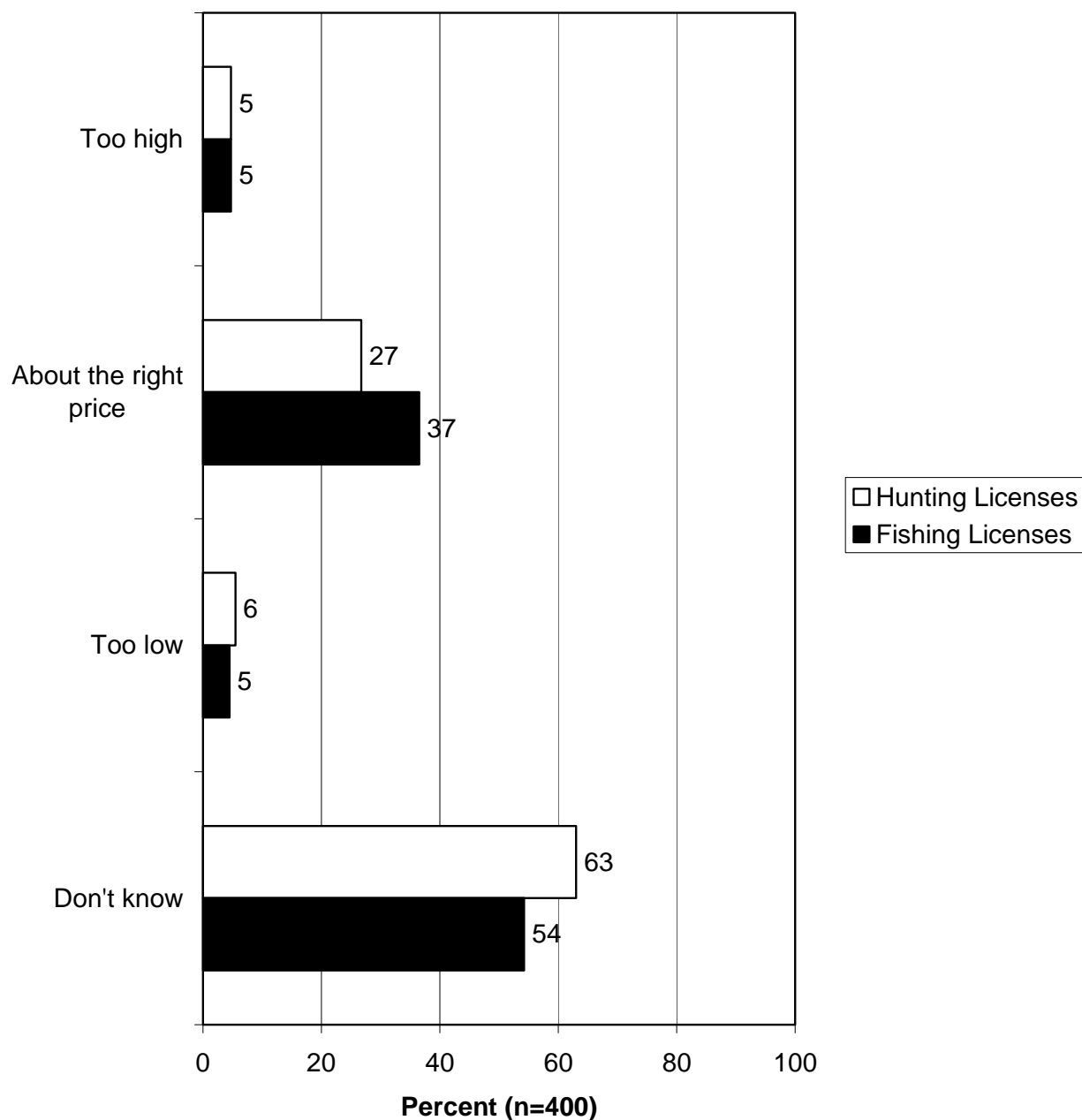
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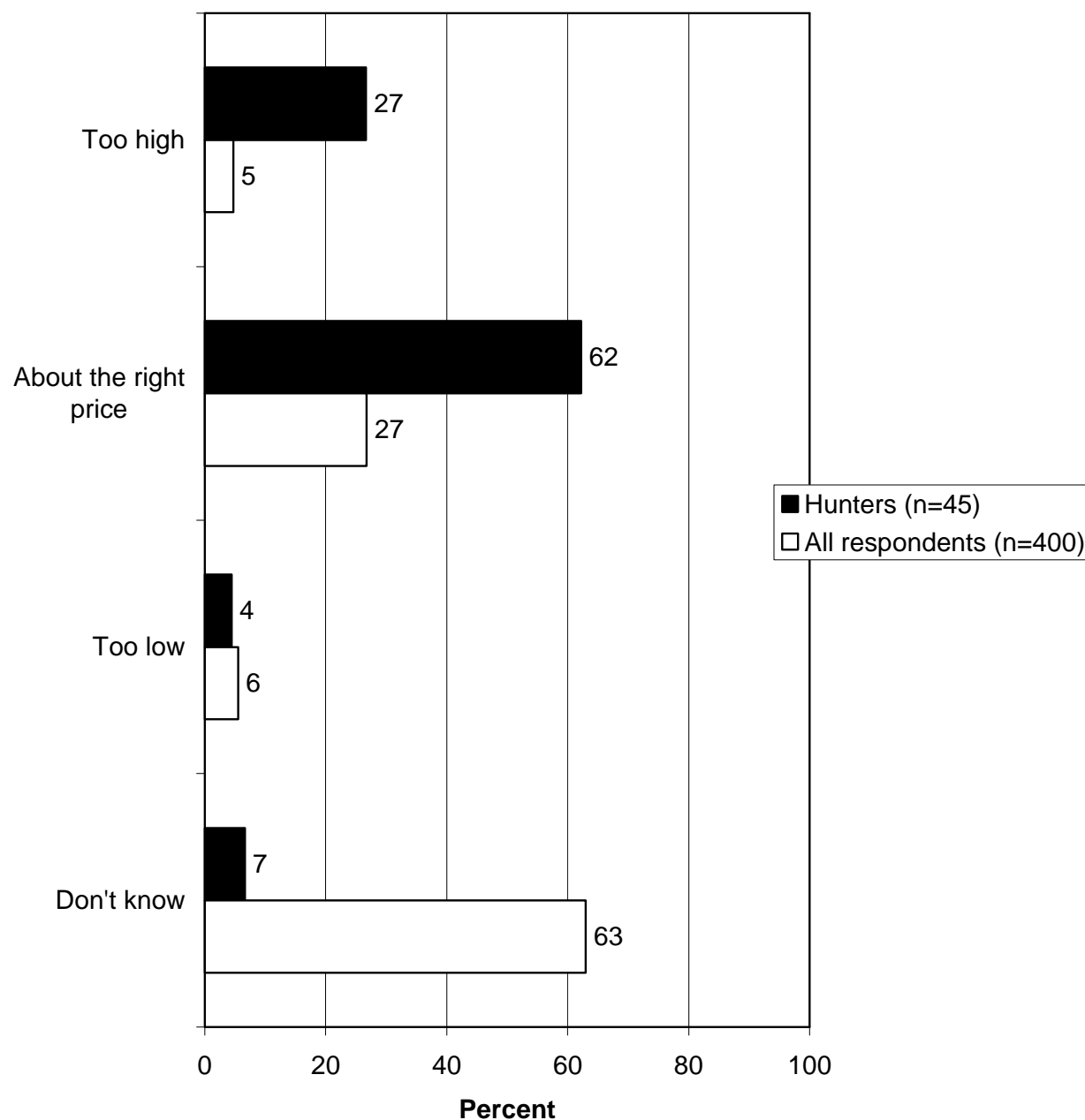
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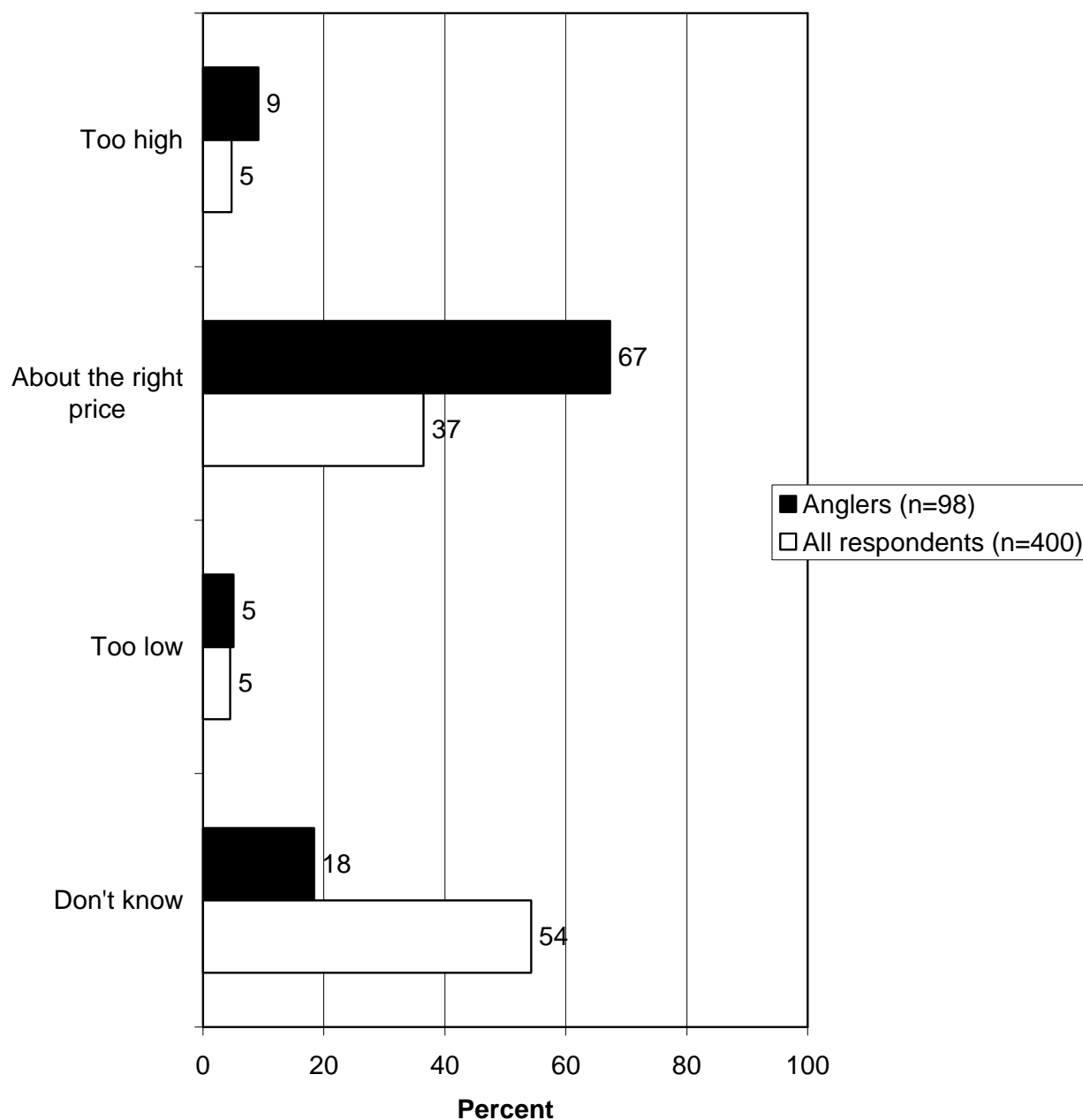
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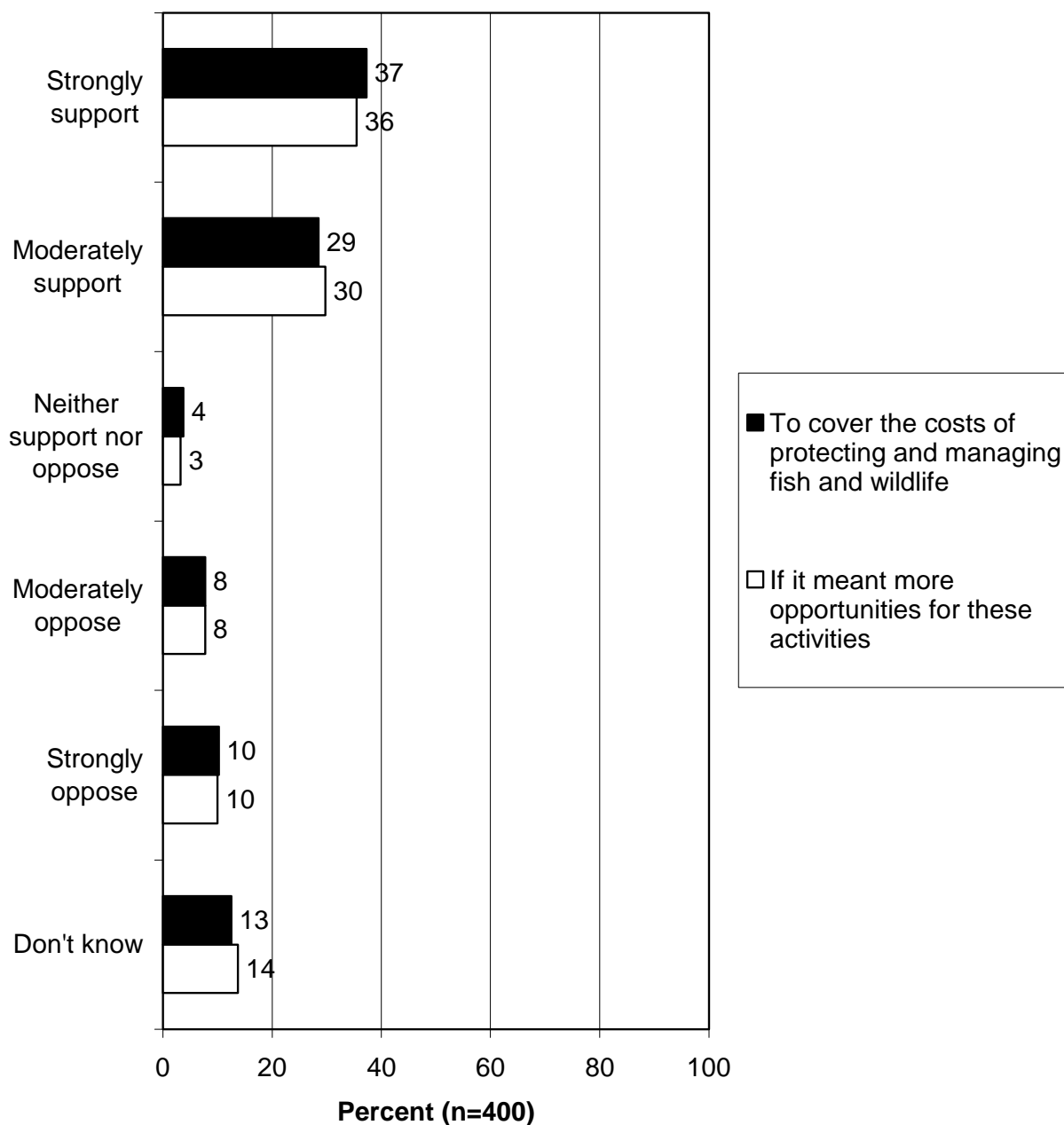
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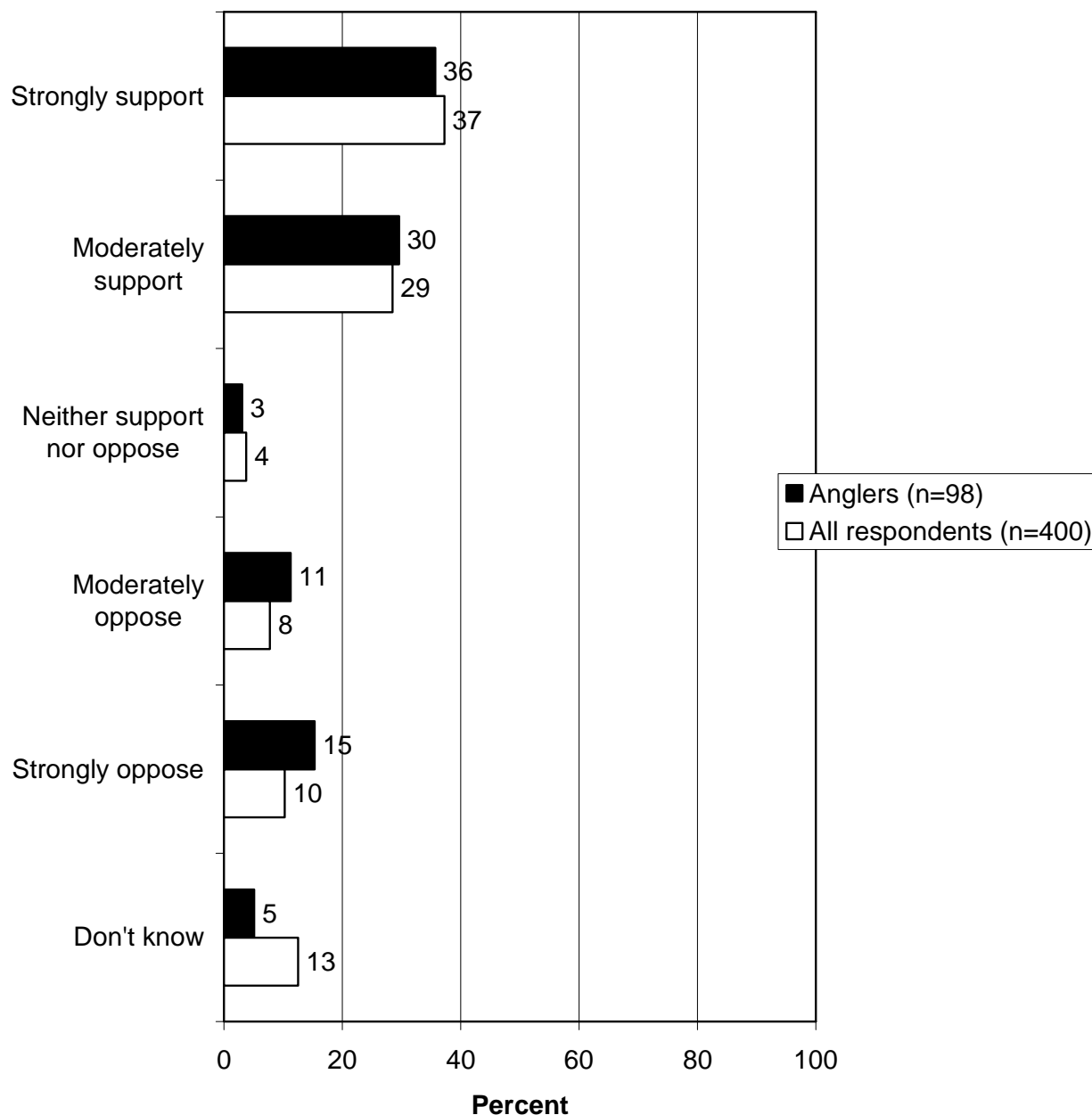
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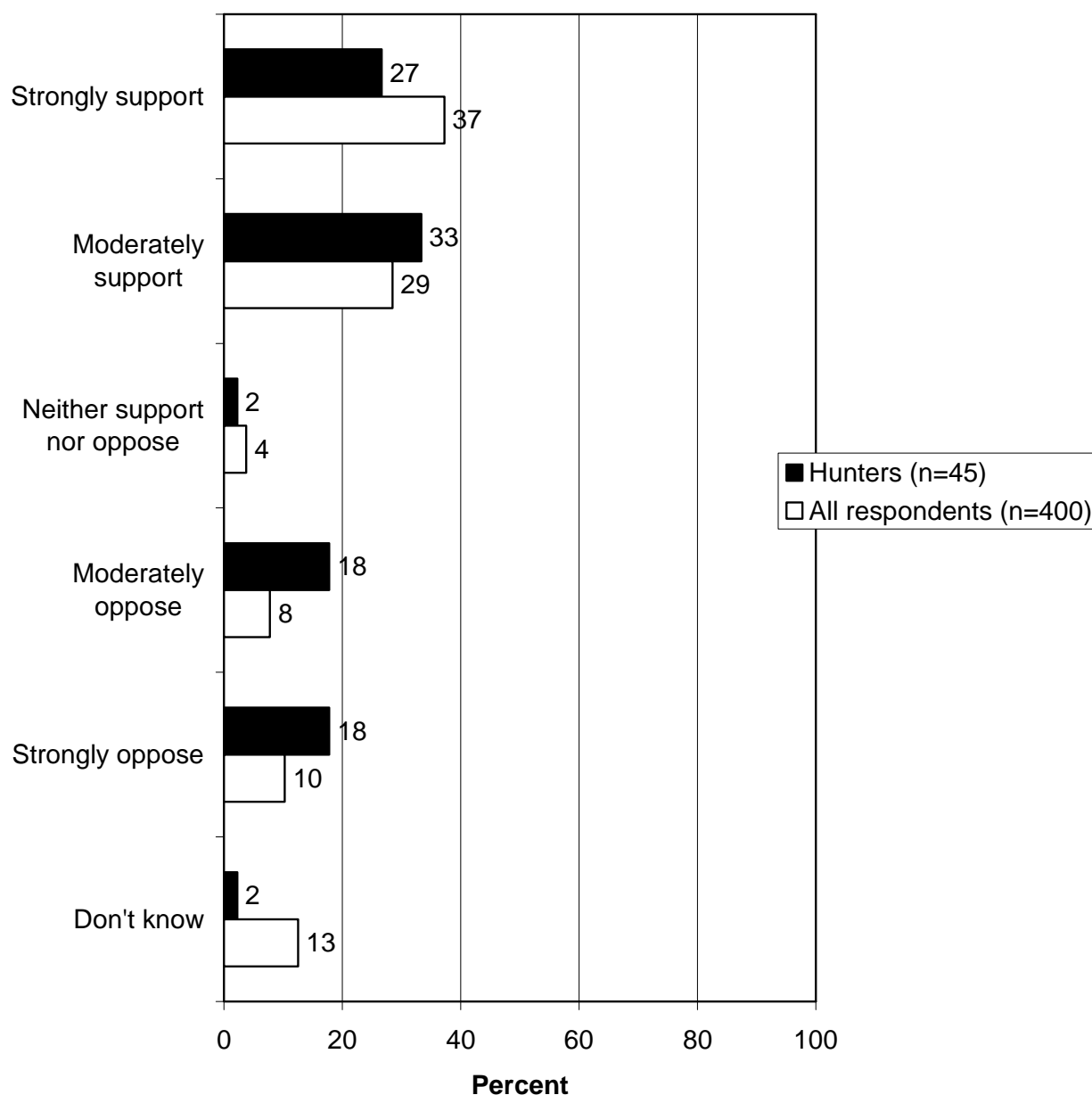
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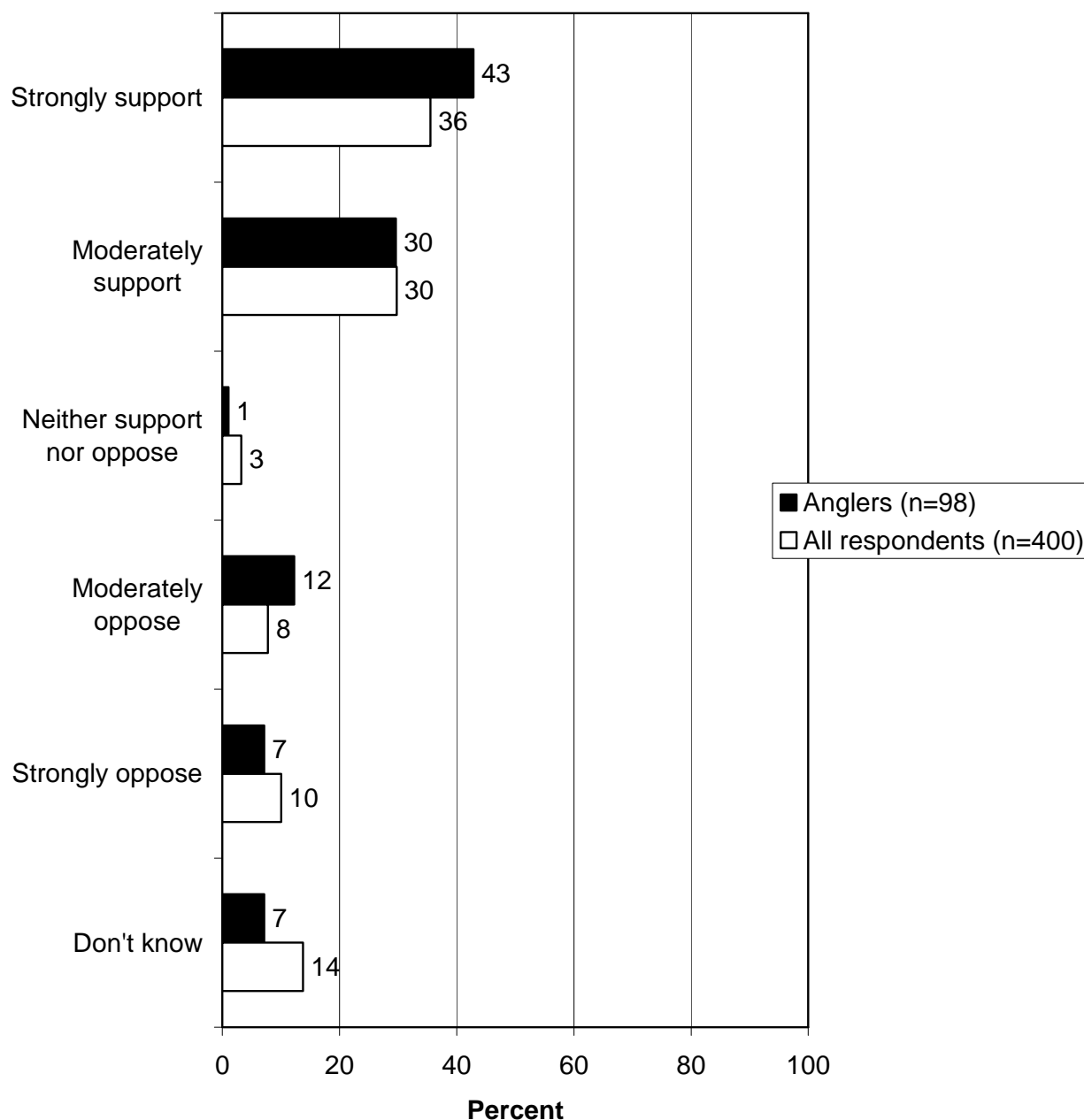
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(Among anglers and among all respondents.)**



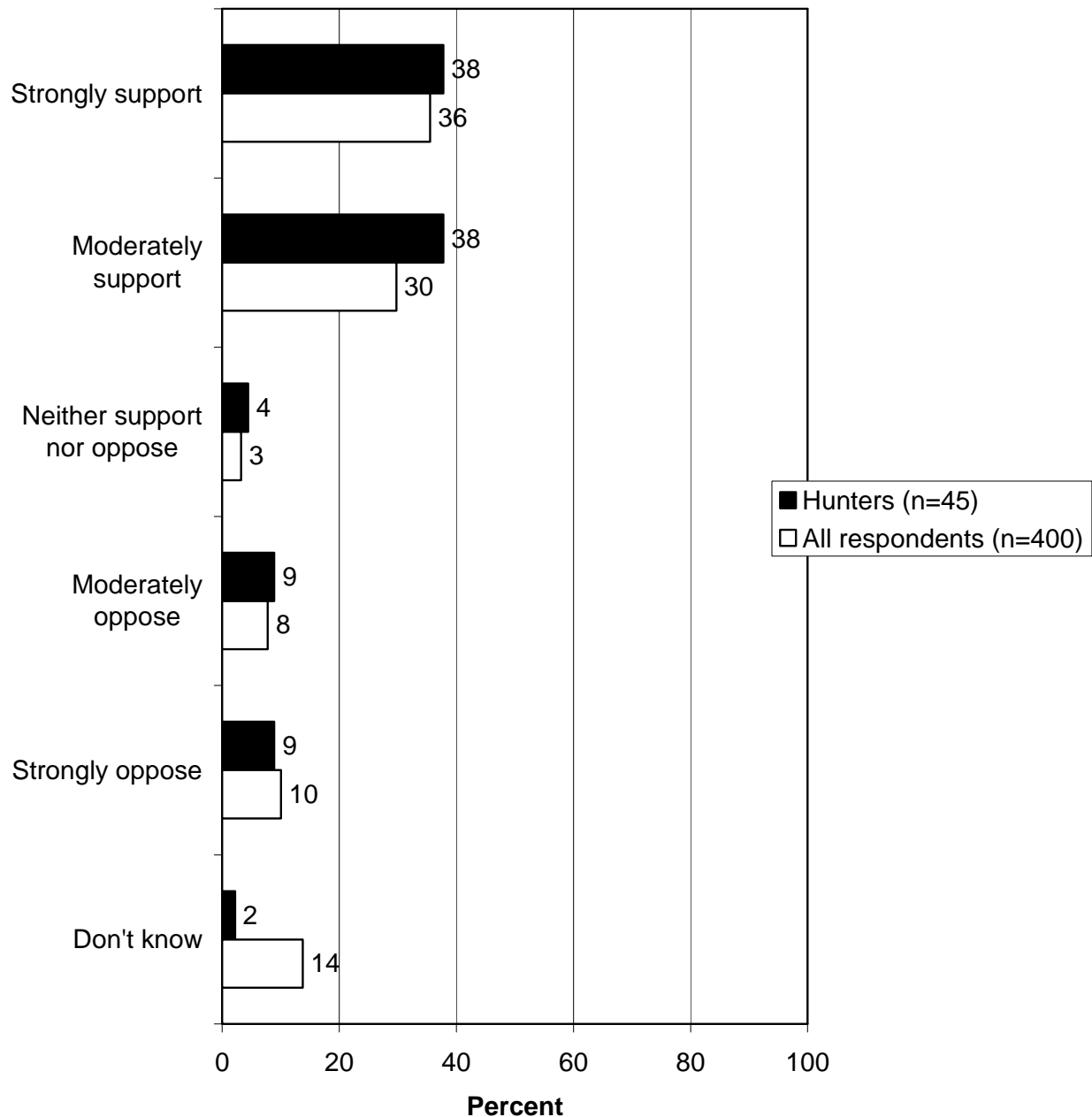
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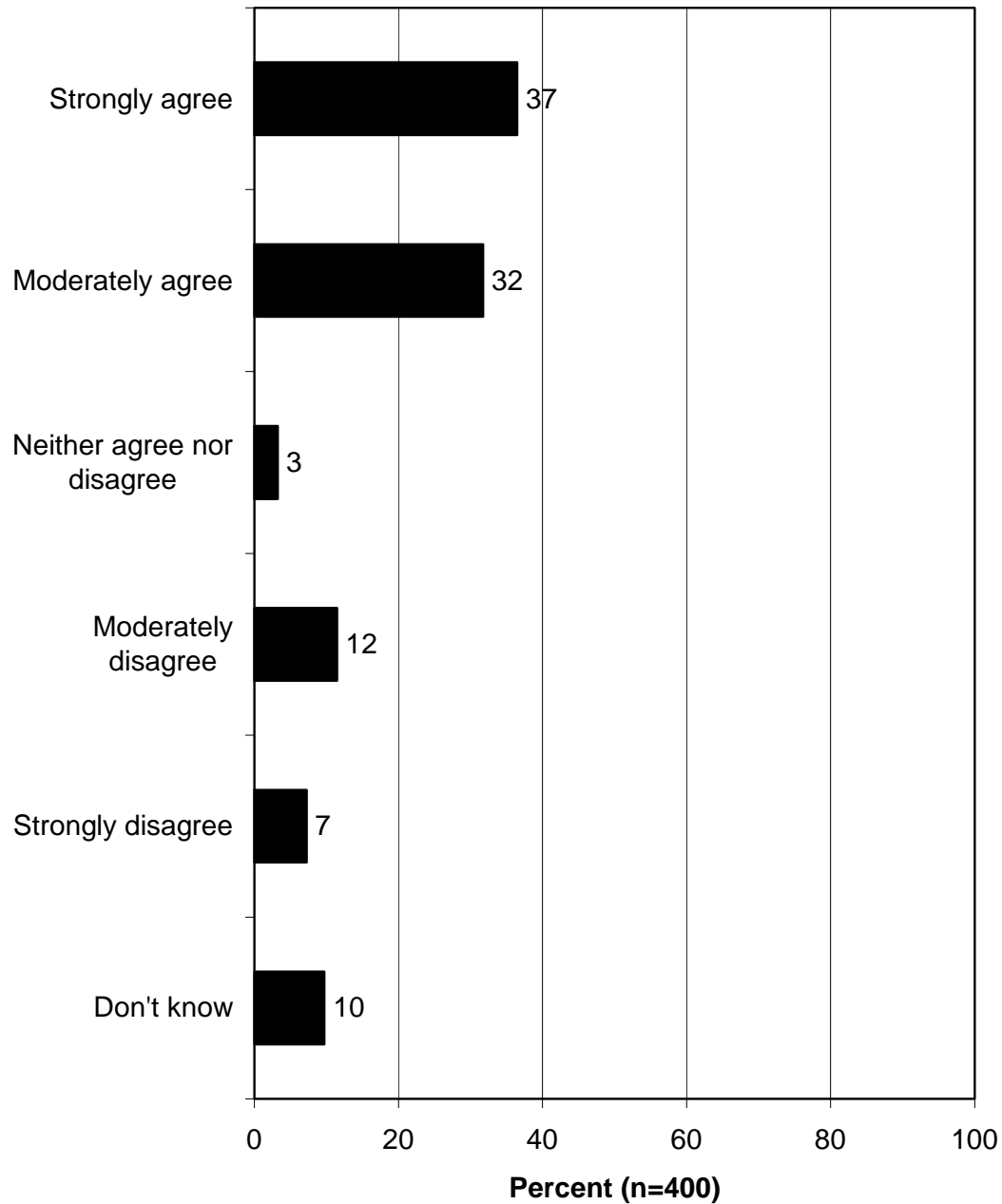
Q116. Would you support or oppose increases in user fees, such as hunting and fishing licenses, if it meant more opportunities for these activities? (Among anglers and among all respondents.)



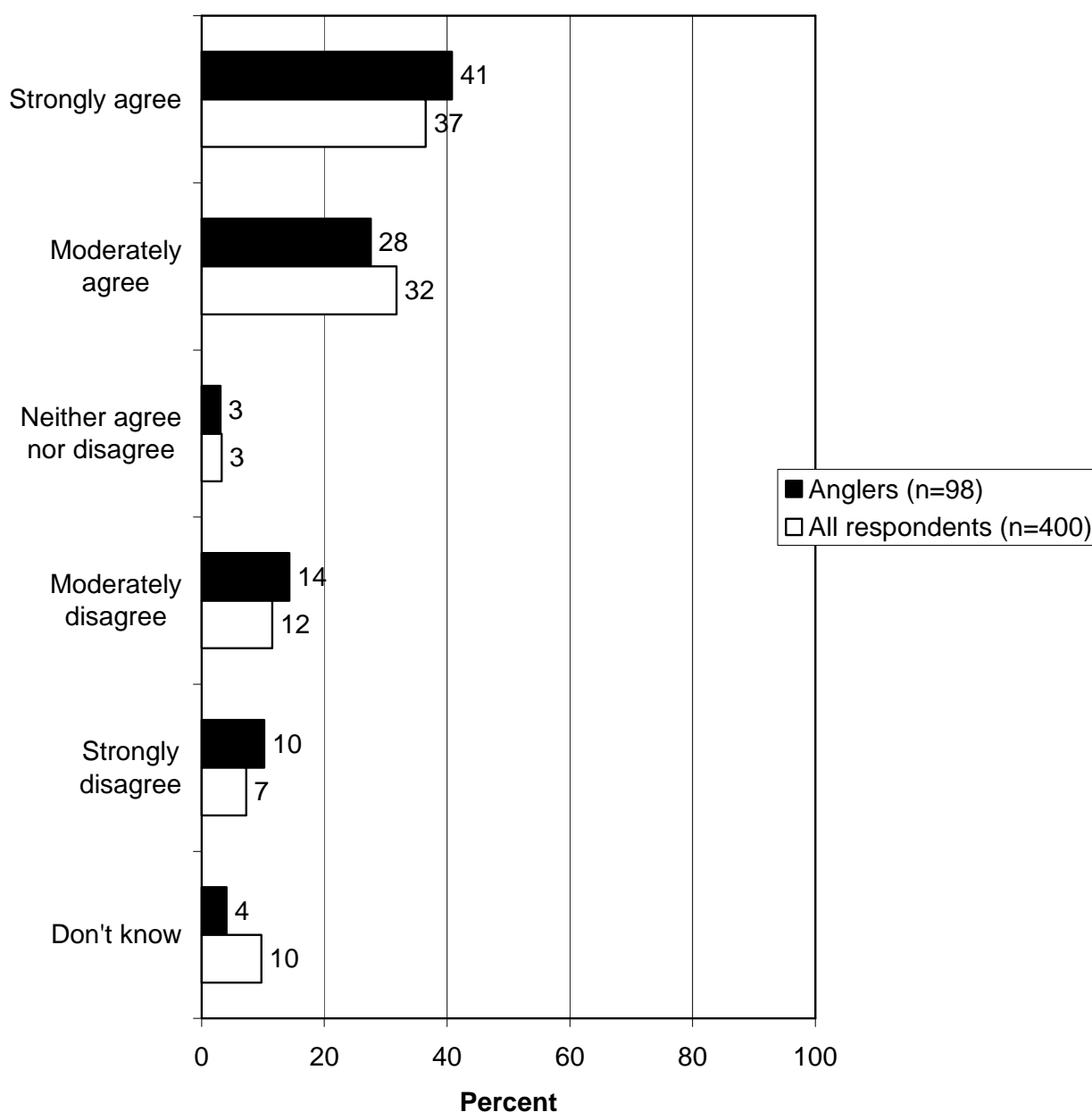
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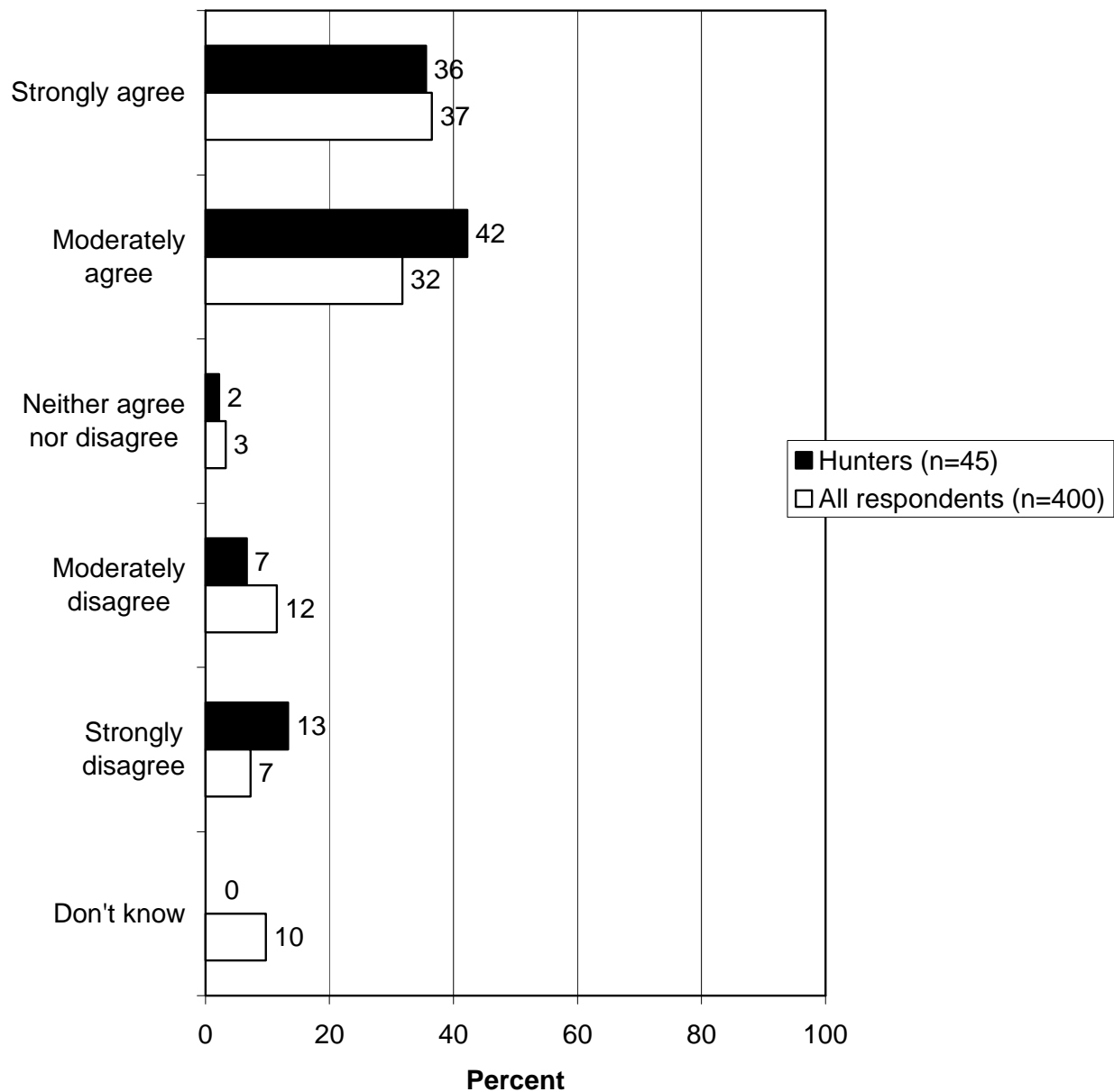
Q117. Do you agree or disagree that costs for managing fish and wildlife should be paid with specific user fees, such as hunting and fishing licenses?



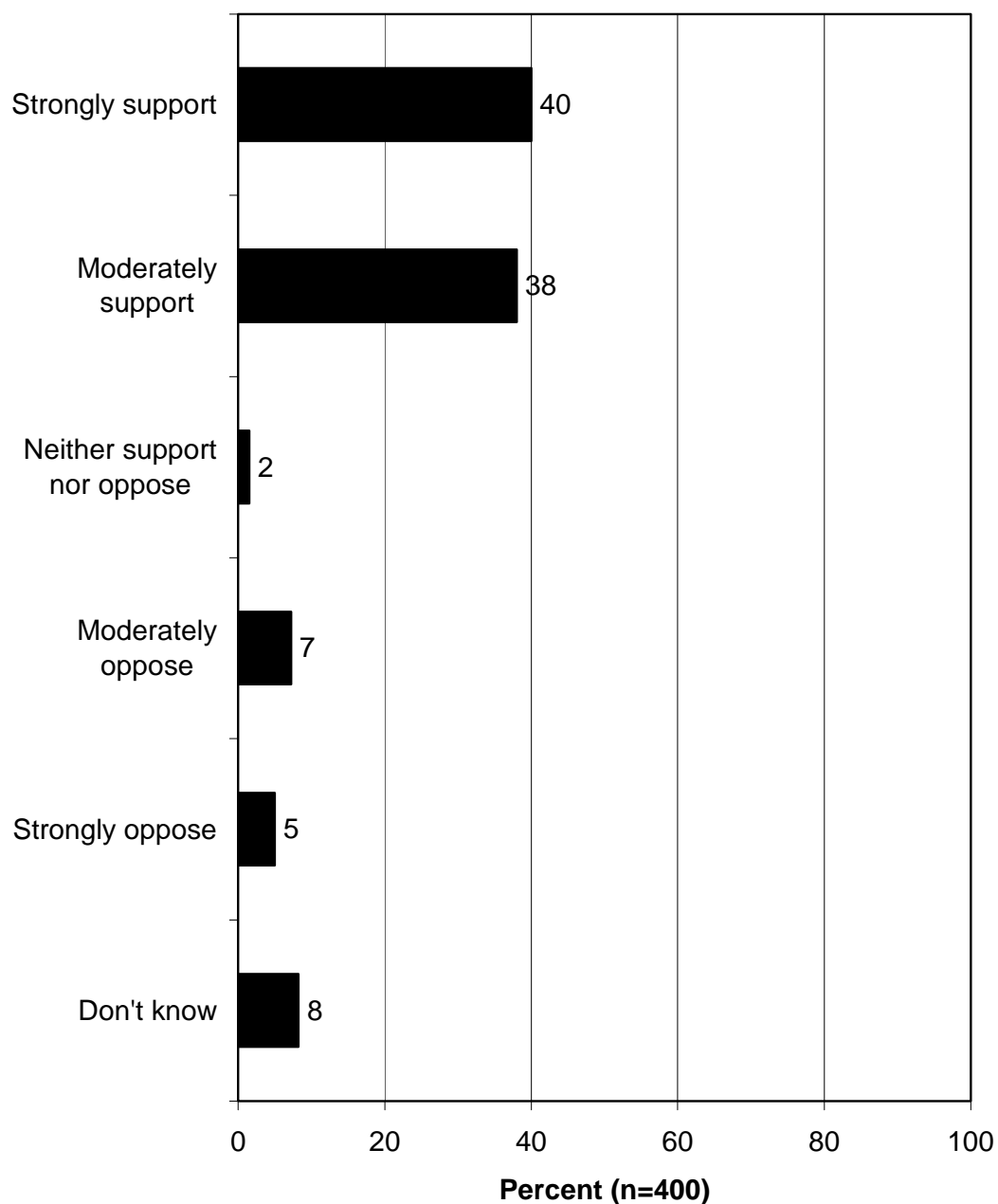
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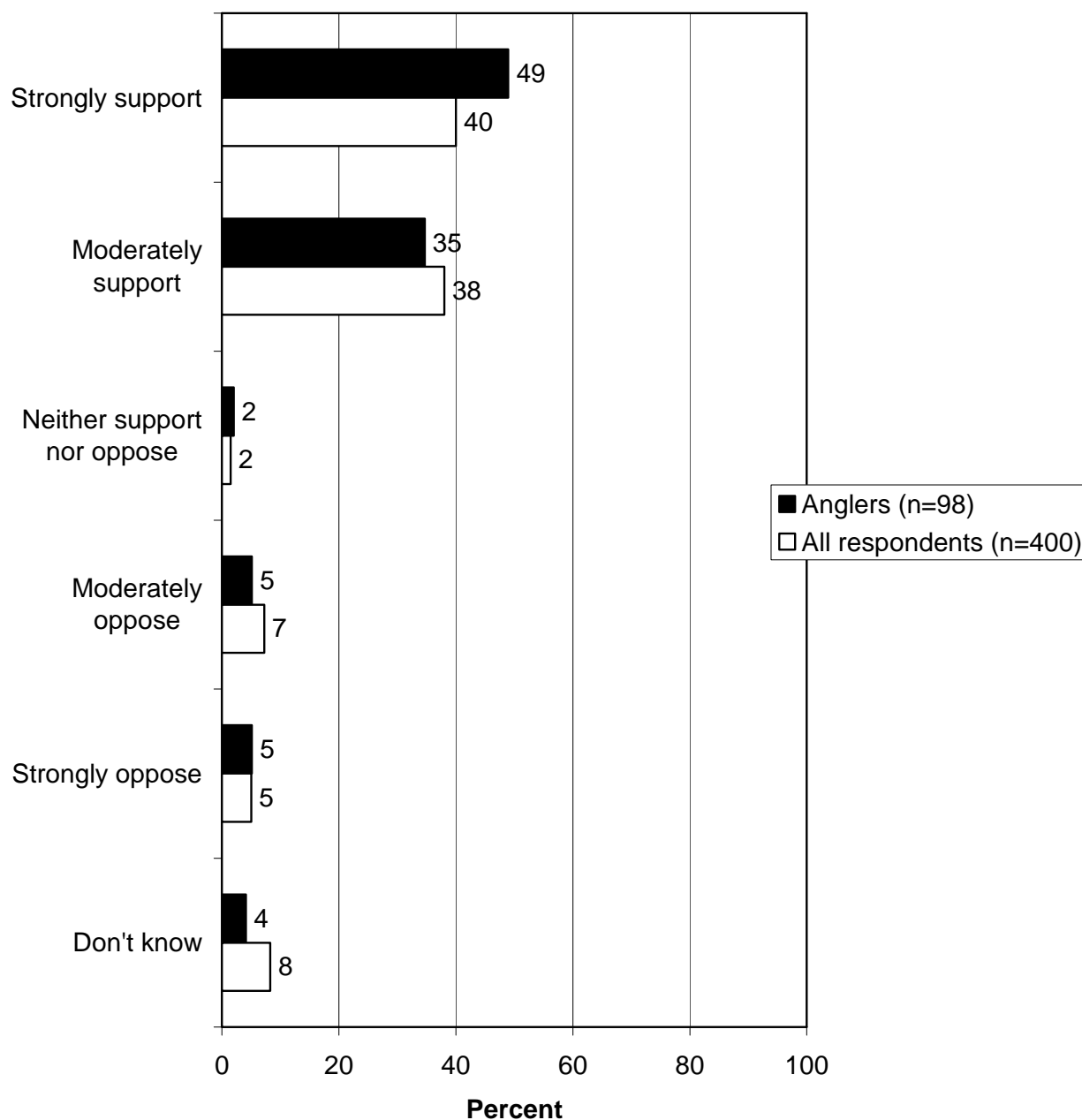
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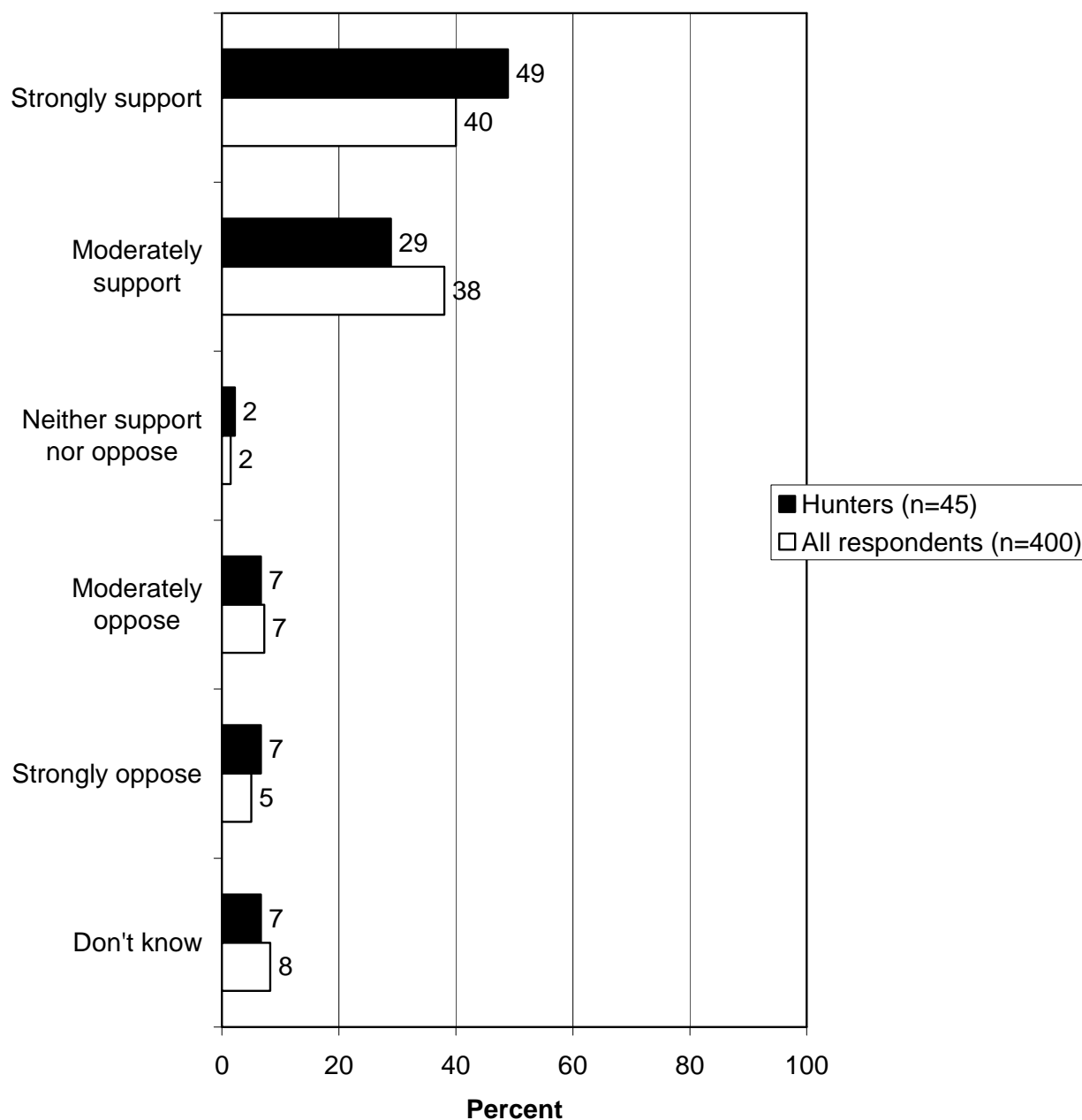
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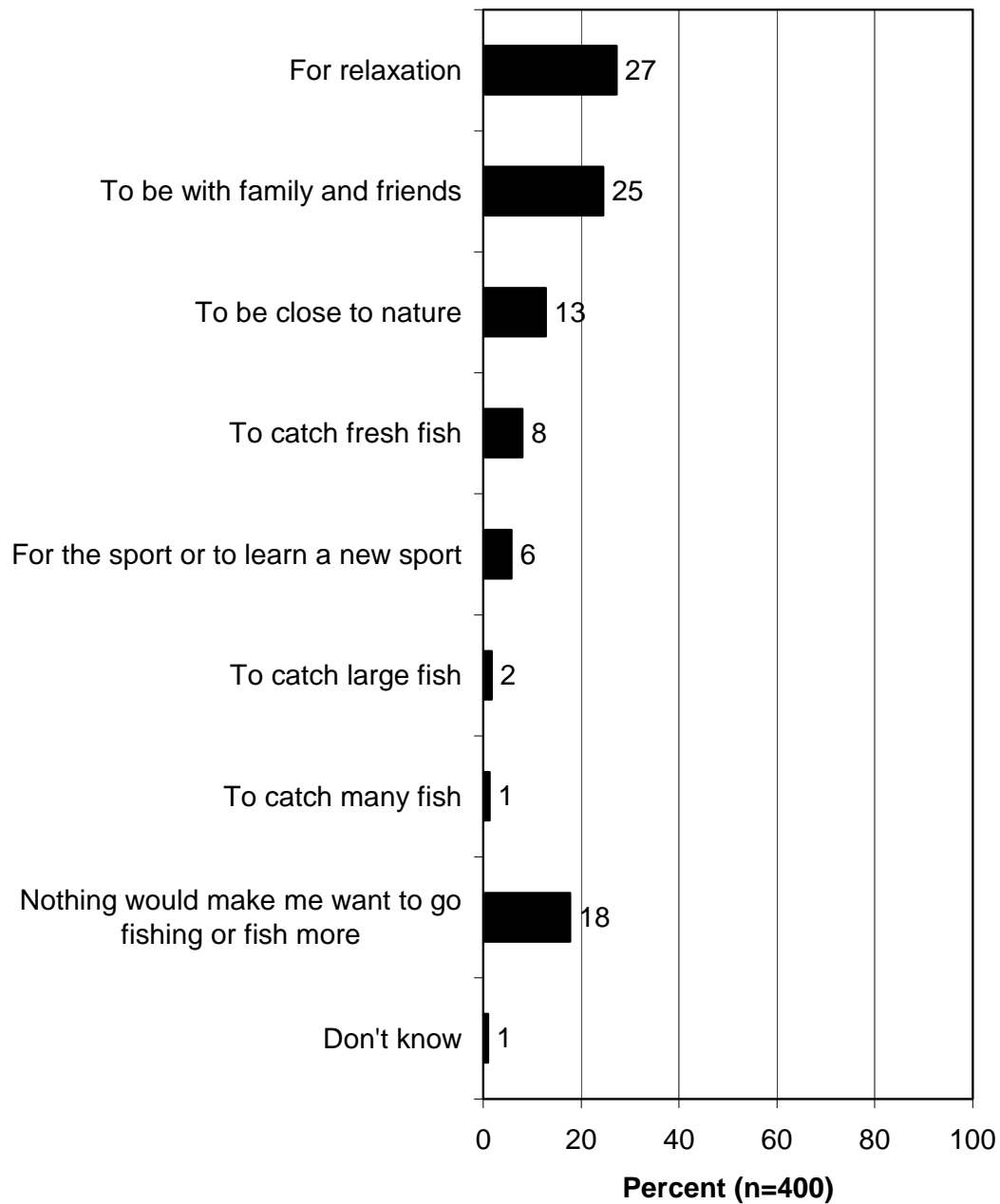
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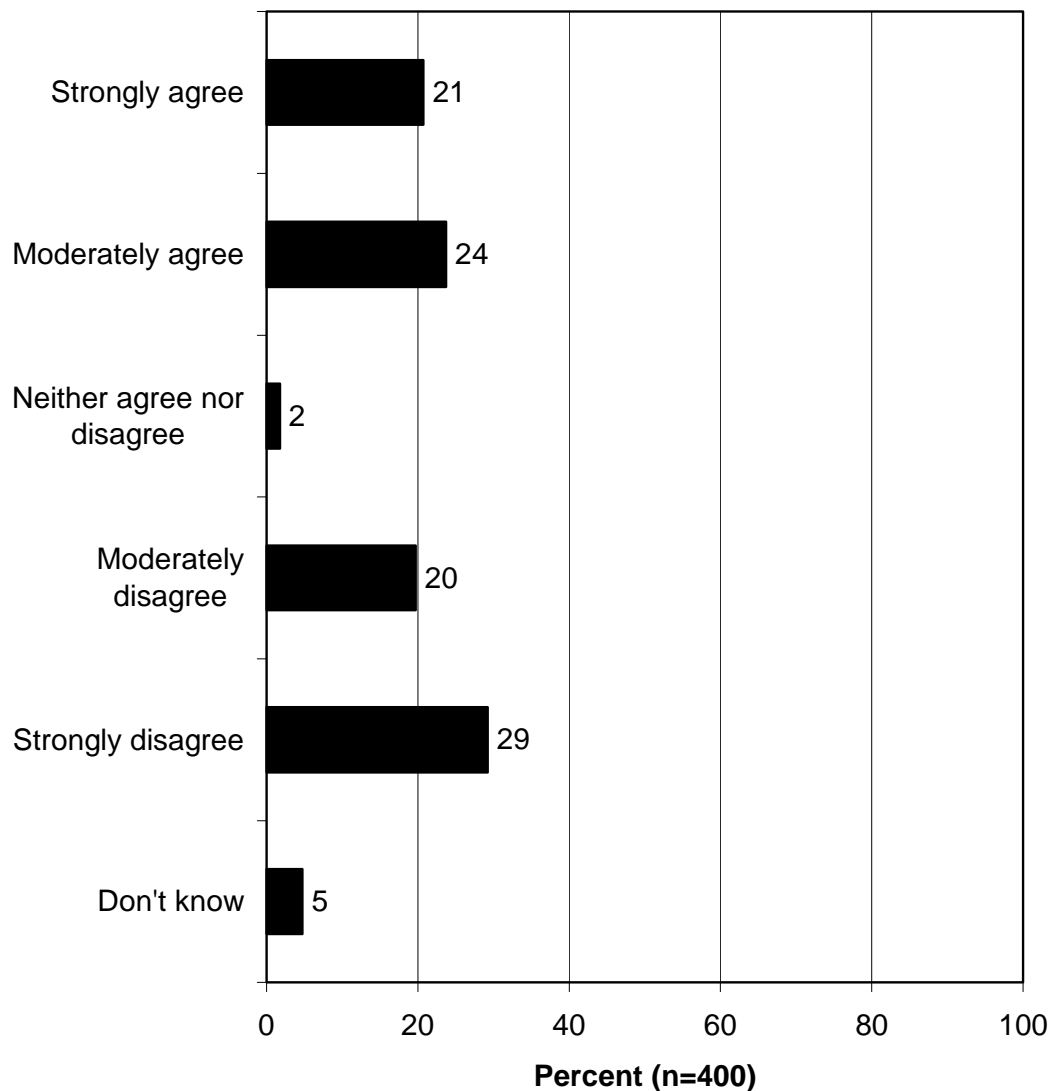
MOTIVATIONS FOR FISHING, FUNDING OF STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, AND HUNTING OF BEARS

- When asked about motivations for fishing, the top answers were for relaxation (27%), to be with family and friends (25%), and to be close to nature (13%). To catch fish or for the sport were lower down on the list.
- Residents were evenly split on whether they agreed (45%) or disagreed (49%) that non-hunters should have to pay a user fee for outdoor recreation on State Wildlife Management Areas.
- Residents were fairly evenly split on whether they agreed (40%) or disagreed (39%) that people should be allowed to hunt bears in Maryland, although most disagreement was *strong* disagreement (30% strongly disagreed).

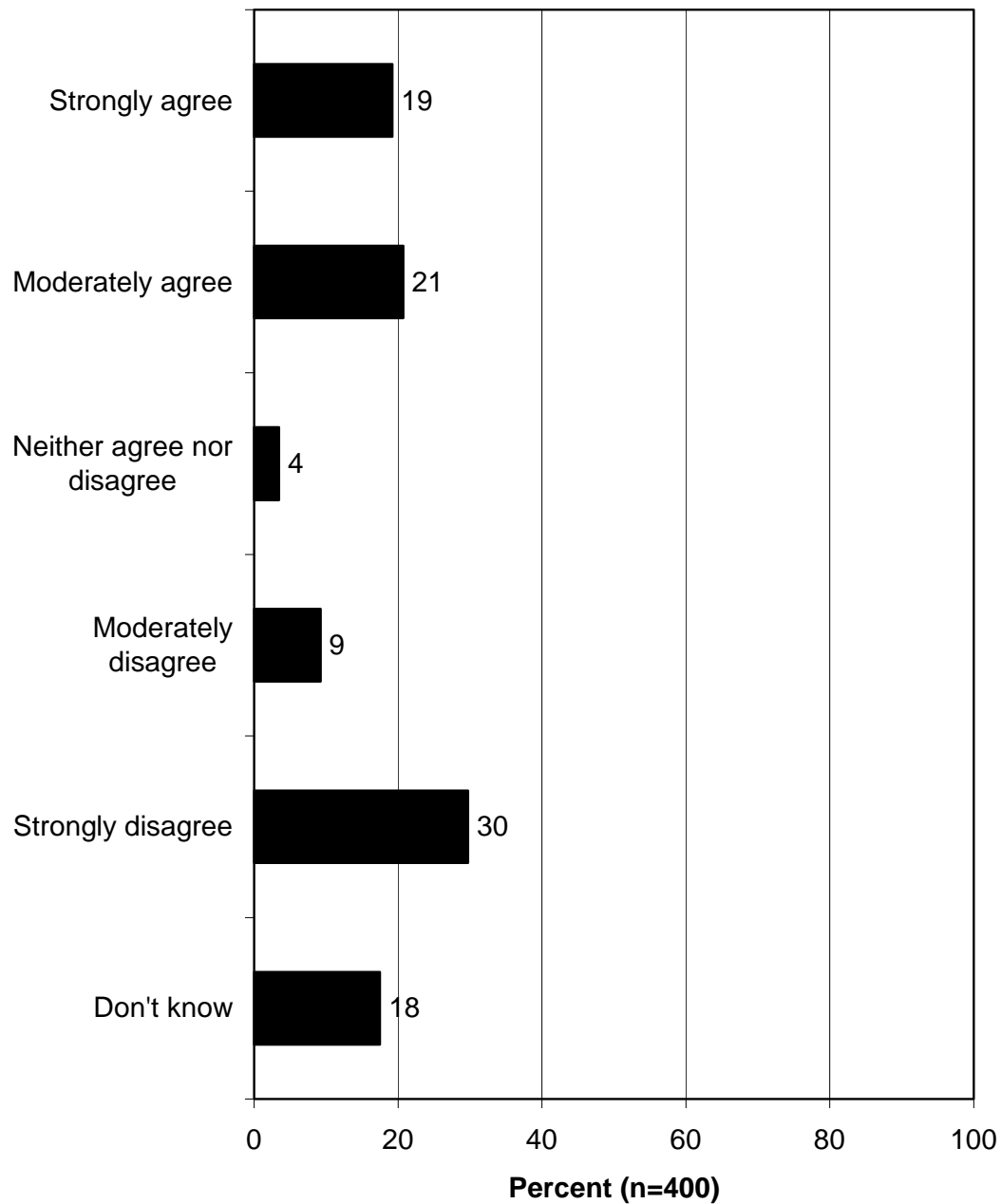
Q177. Which is the main reason why you might want to go fishing or fish more. Would you say...?



Q178. Maryland has nearly 110,000 acres of State Wildlife Management Areas purchased primarily with revenues from Maryland hunting and trapping licenses and federal taxes on sporting arms and ammunition. Do you agree or disagree that non-hunters should have to pay a user fee to participate in outdoor recreational activities on State Wildlife Management Areas?



Q179. Do you agree or disagree that people should be allowed to hunt bears in Maryland?

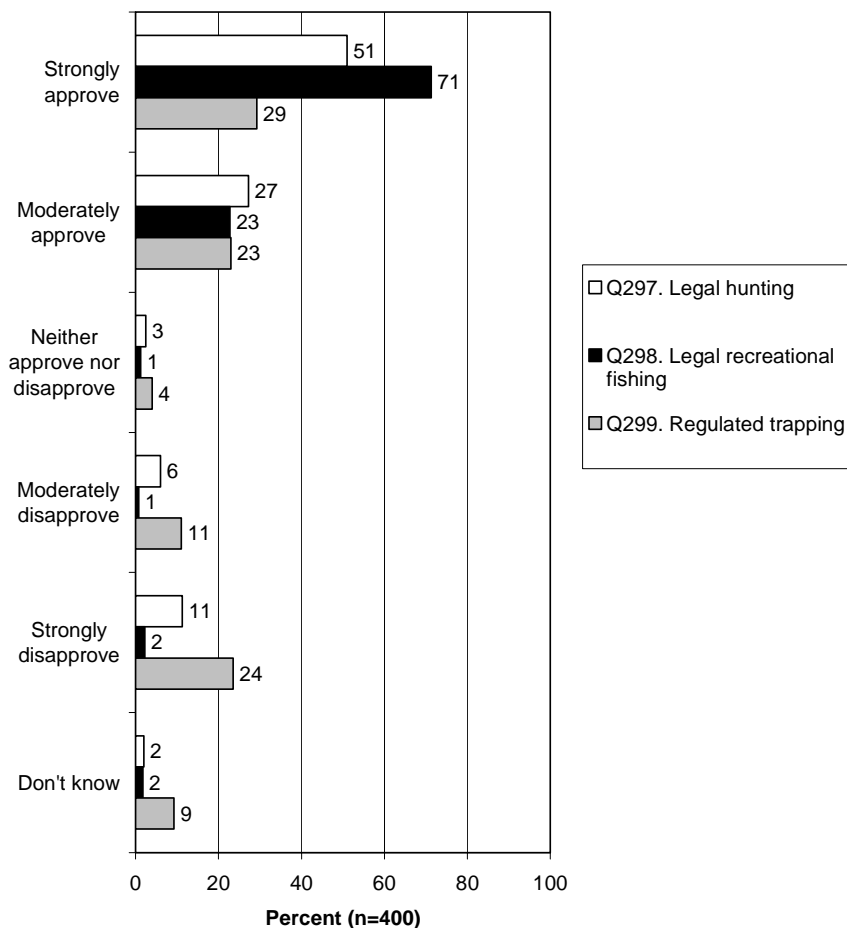


APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING

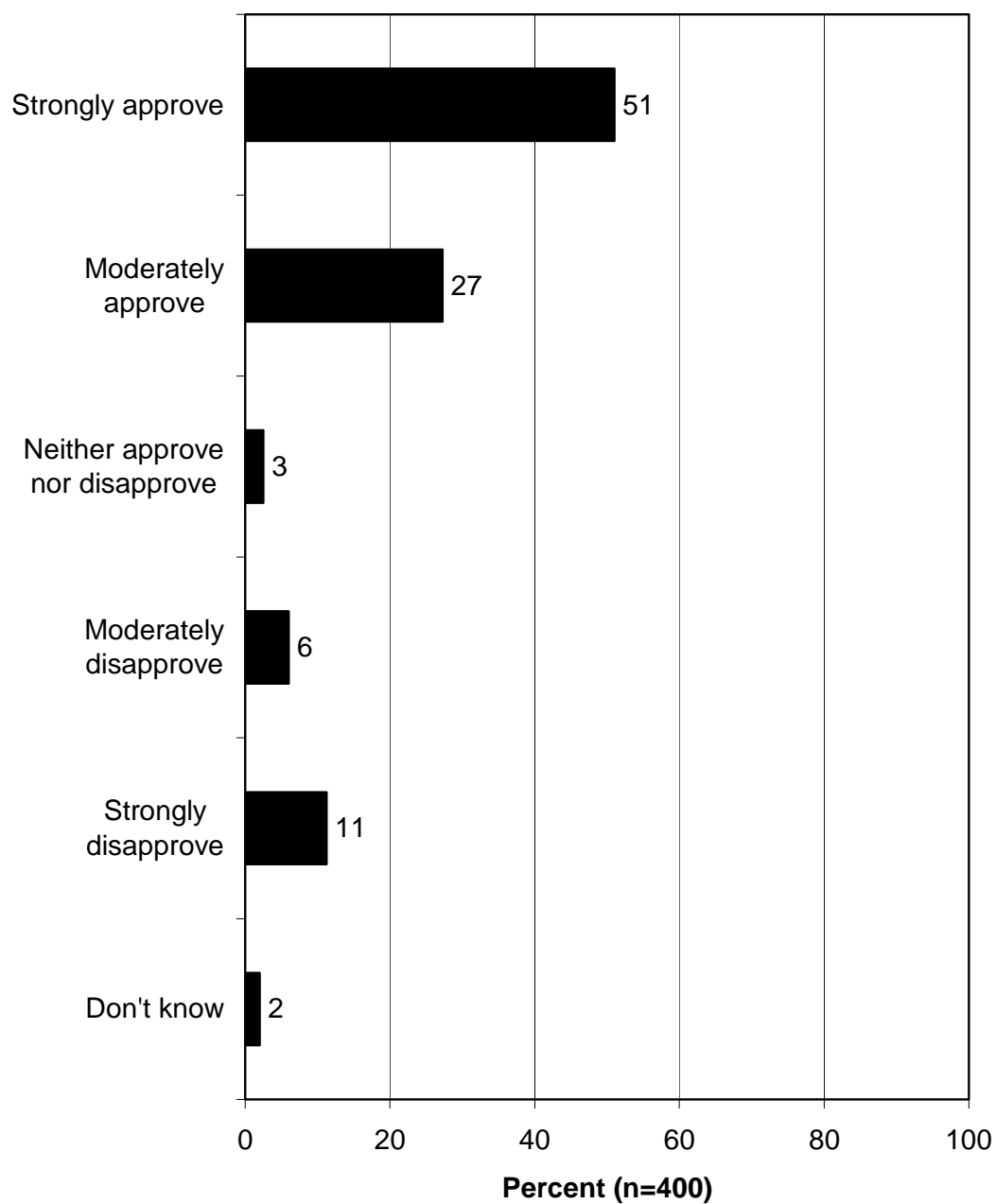
➤ Approval of fishing was higher than approval of hunting or trapping, with trapping being the most disapproved activity of the three (slightly more than a third disapproved). Nonetheless, all three activities had a majority in approval, with fishing and hunting having a majority who strongly approved.

- 78% of respondents approved of legal hunting, while 17% disapproved.
- 94% of respondents approved of legal recreational fishing, while 3% disapproved.
- 52% of respondents approved of regulated trapping, while 35% disapproved.

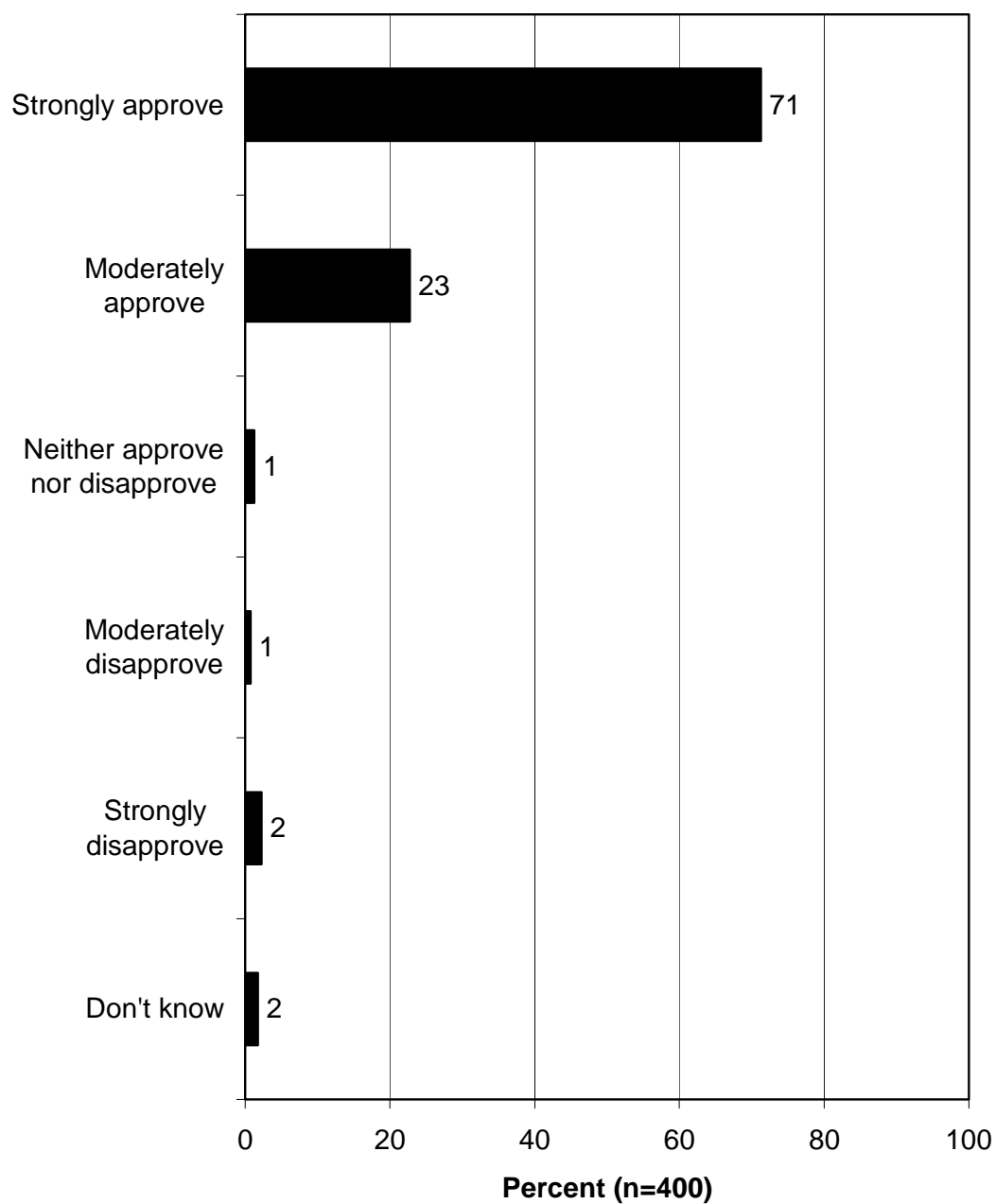
Q297-299. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the following?



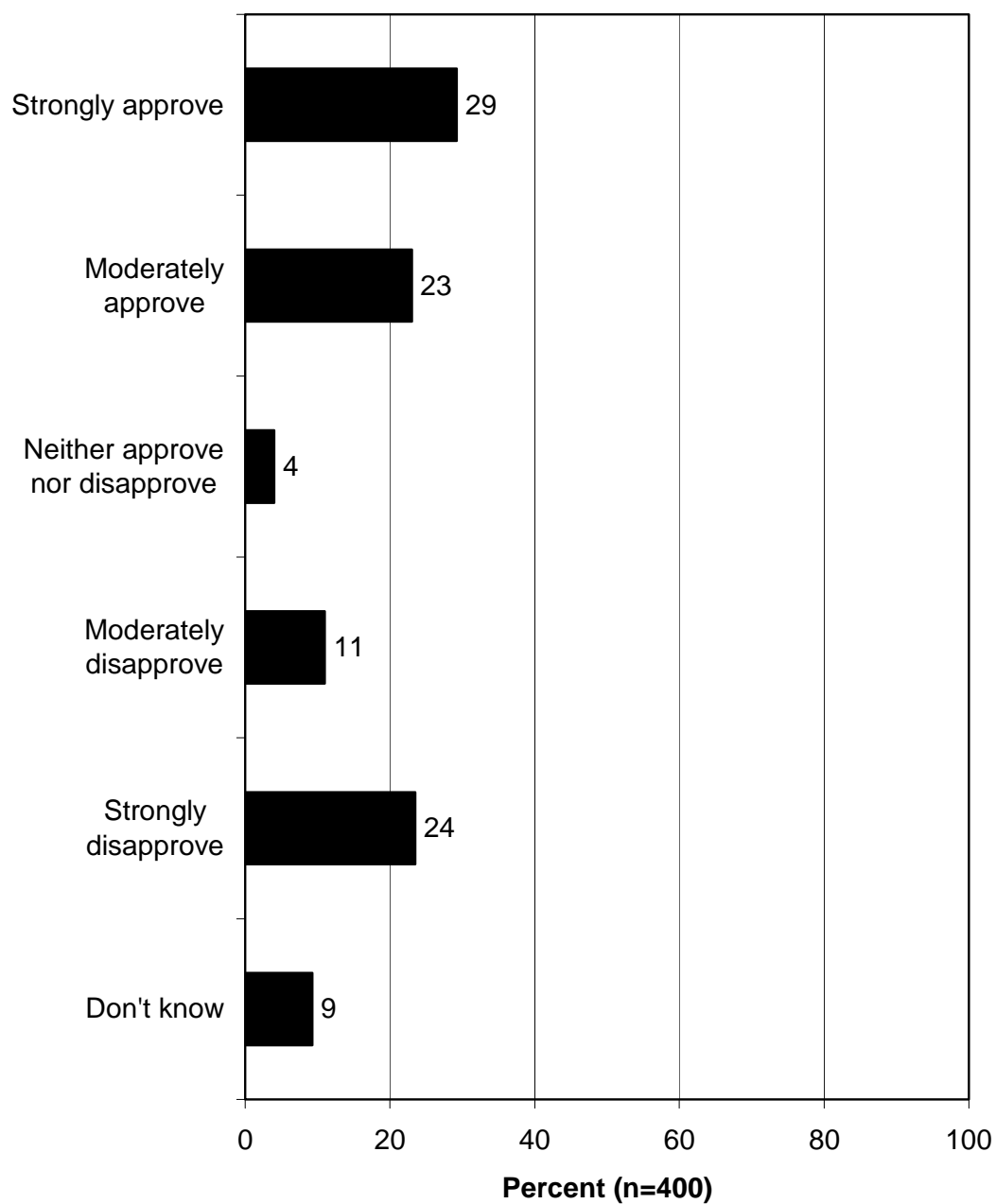
Q297. In general, do you approve or disapprove of legal hunting?



Q298. In general, do you approve or disapprove of legal recreational fishing?



Q299. In general, do you approve or disapprove of regulated trapping?

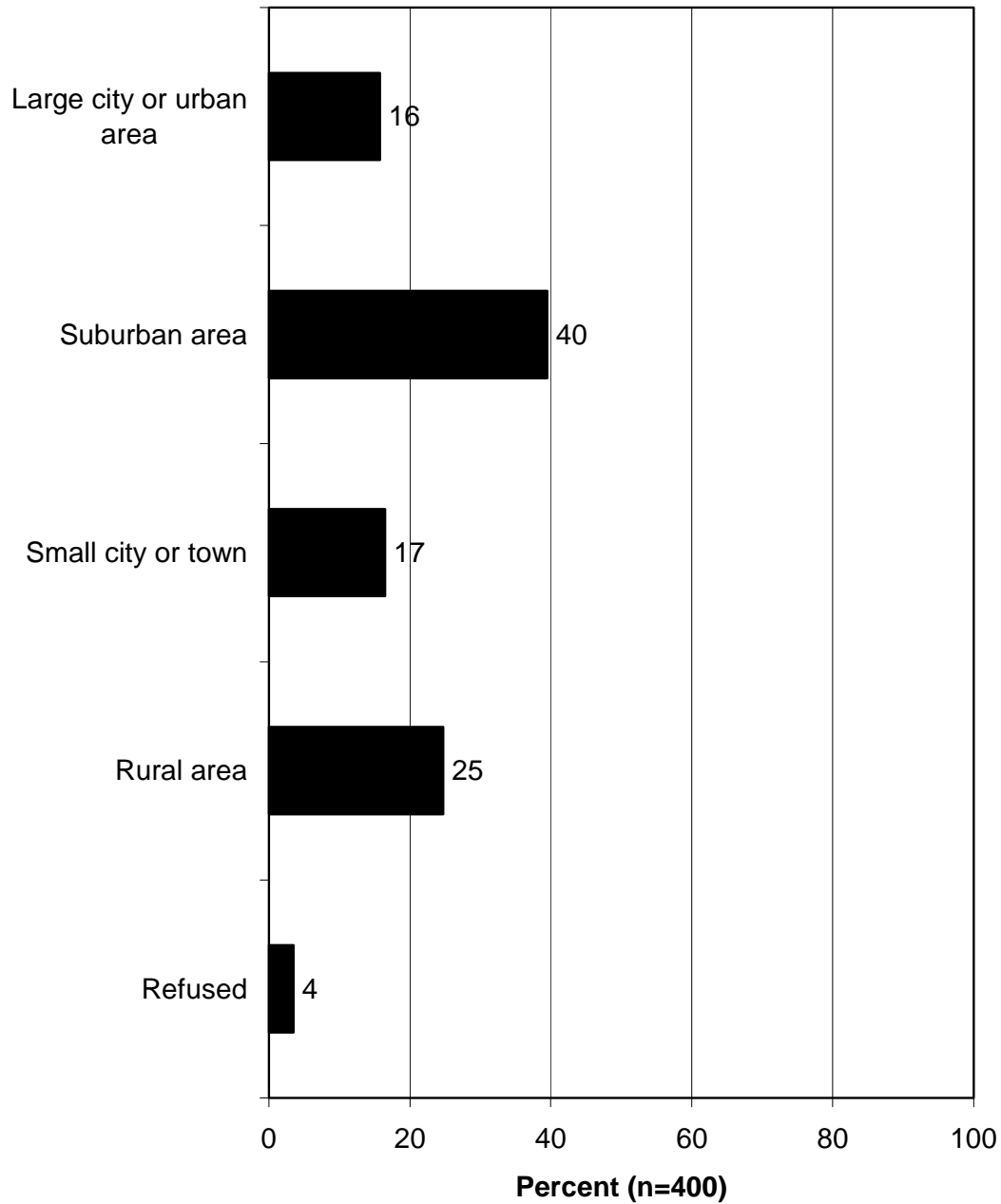


DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

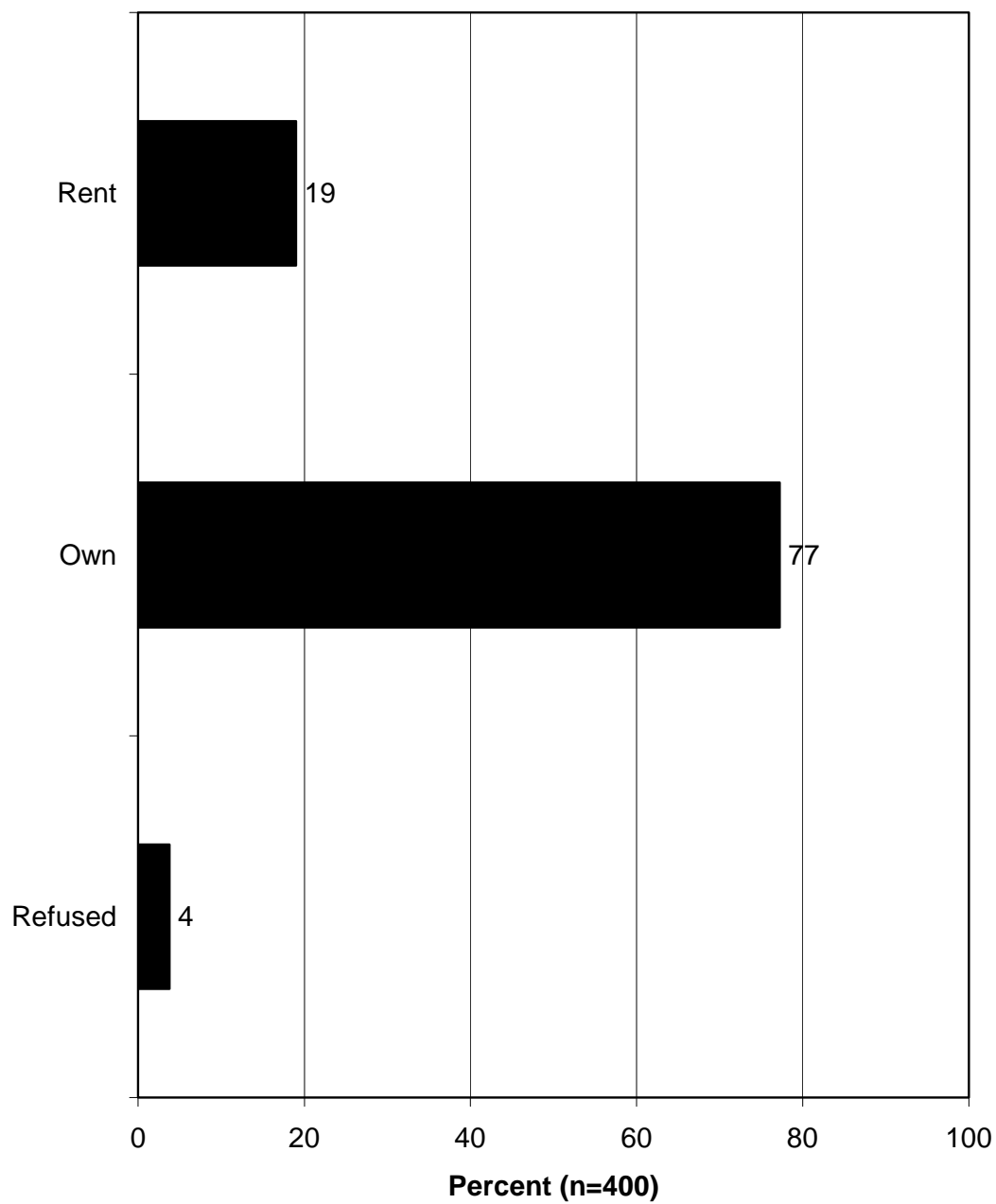
- A plurality of respondents (40%) resided in a suburban area, followed by those residing in a rural area (25%), with the remainder of the sample evenly split between large city/urban area and small city/town.
- The mean size of the respondent's household was 2.73 people, and the mean number of children in the household was 0.64.
- A large majority of respondents owned their current place of residence.
 - 77% owned their residence, while 19% rented.
- Although a substantial percentage of respondents had lived in their community for 5 years or less, a majority had lived in their community for more than 10 years.
 - 31% had lived in their community for 5 years or less.
 - 52% had lived in their community for more than 10 years.
- The data suggest that people often move from community to community, but within the state of Maryland. A majority of respondents have lived in Maryland for over 25 years.
 - While only 10% indicated that they have lived in Maryland for 5 years or less, 57% have lived in Maryland for over 25 years.
- The majority of respondents were married.
 - 61% of respondents were married, with another 15% having indicated that they were divorced or widowed, and 20% indicated that they were single.
- A majority of respondents indicated that they had attended college, with or without obtaining a degree.
 - 27% of respondents had gone no further than high school, with or without obtaining a diploma.
 - 70% of respondents had attended college, with or without obtaining a degree.

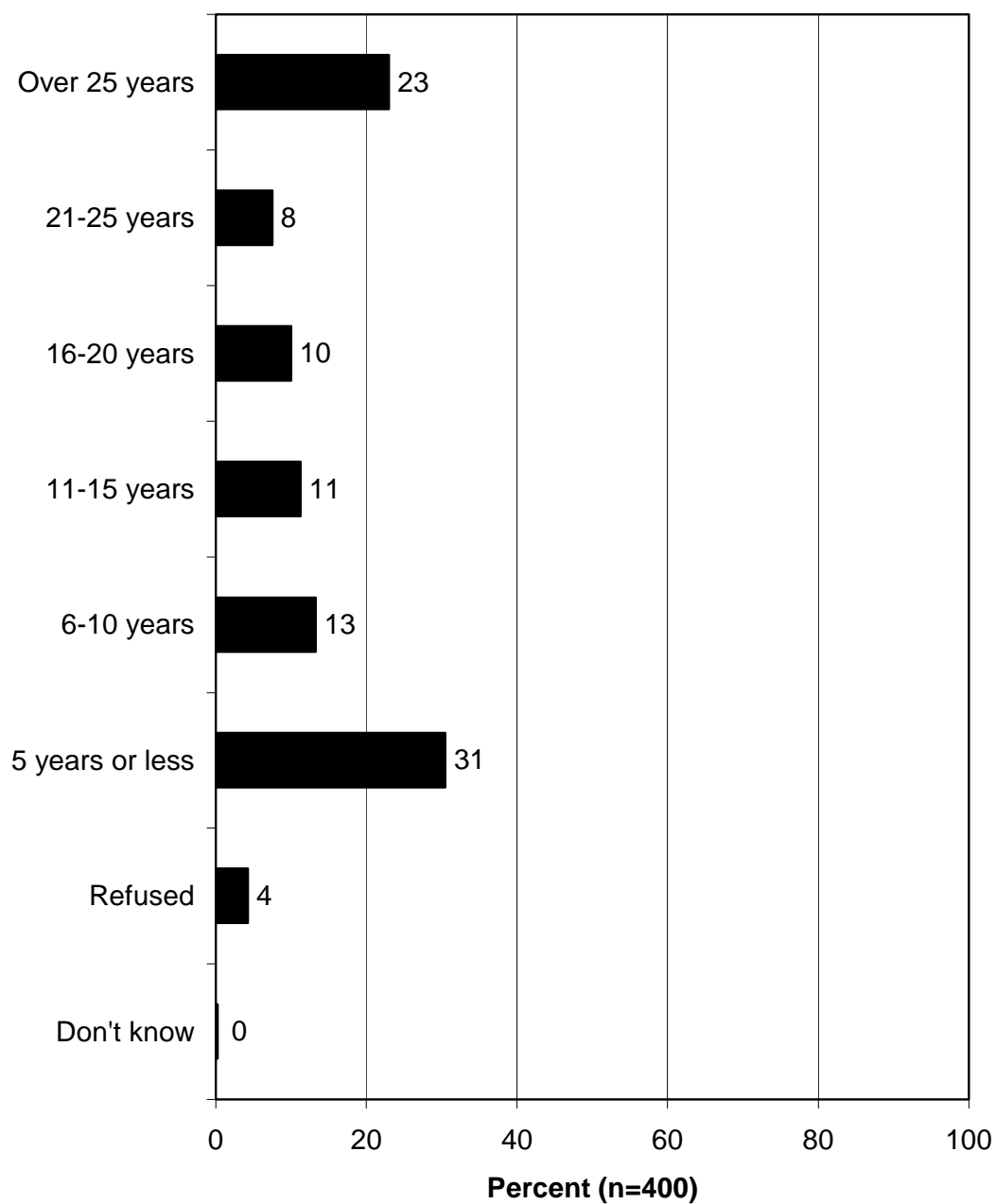
- Pre-tax household incomes of respondents followed a bell curve (except at the highest income bracket), with the peak in the \$60,000 to \$79,999 income category.
- Ages of respondents were fairly evenly distributed among age categories.
- Slightly more respondents were female than male.
 - 45% of respondents were male, and 55% of respondents were female.
- The “Additional Graphs” section has graphs that show some of these demographic data compared to U.S. Census data.

Q329. Do you consider your place of residence to be in a large city or urban area, a suburban area, a small city or town, or a rural area?

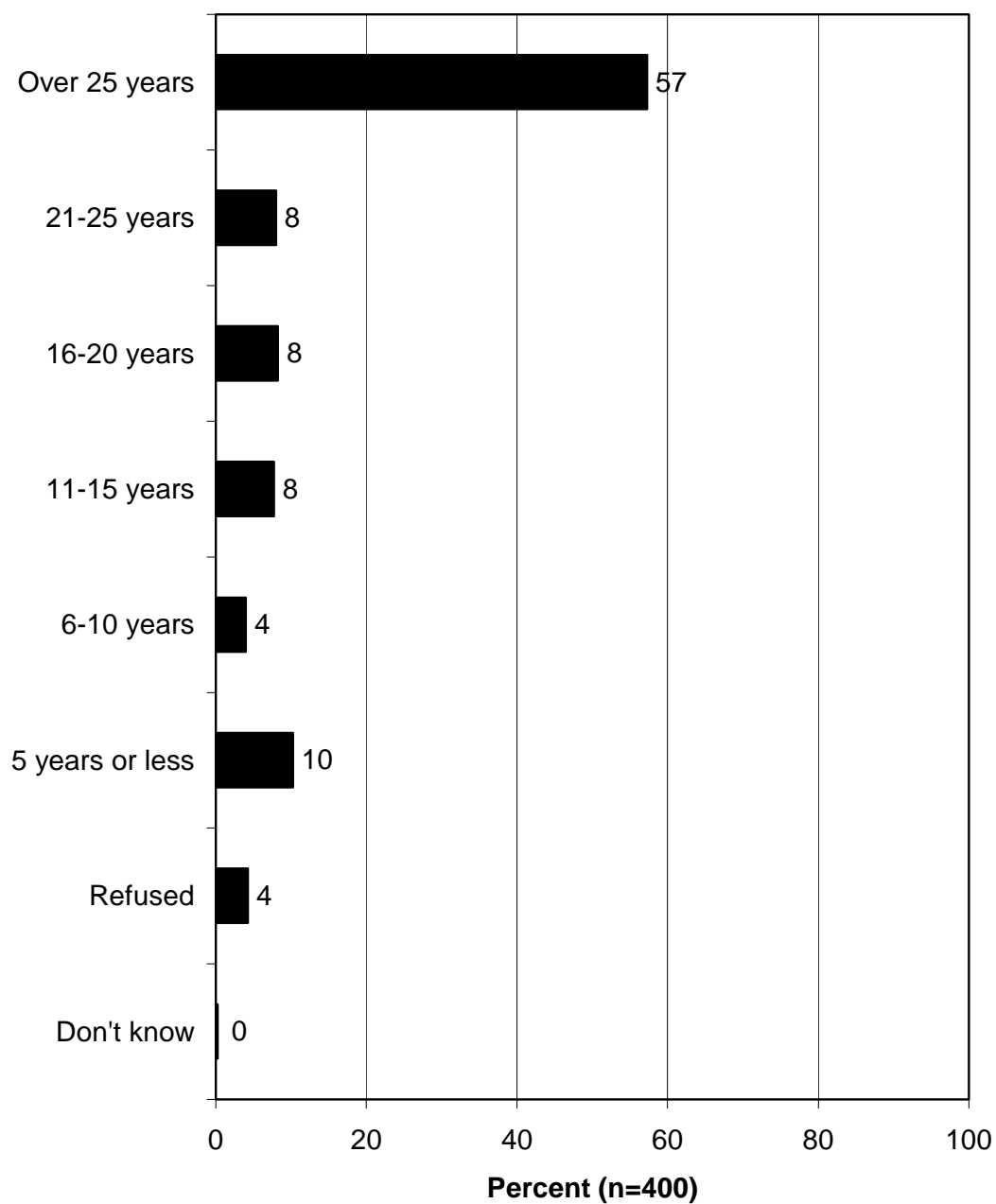


Q332. Do you rent or own your current place of residence?

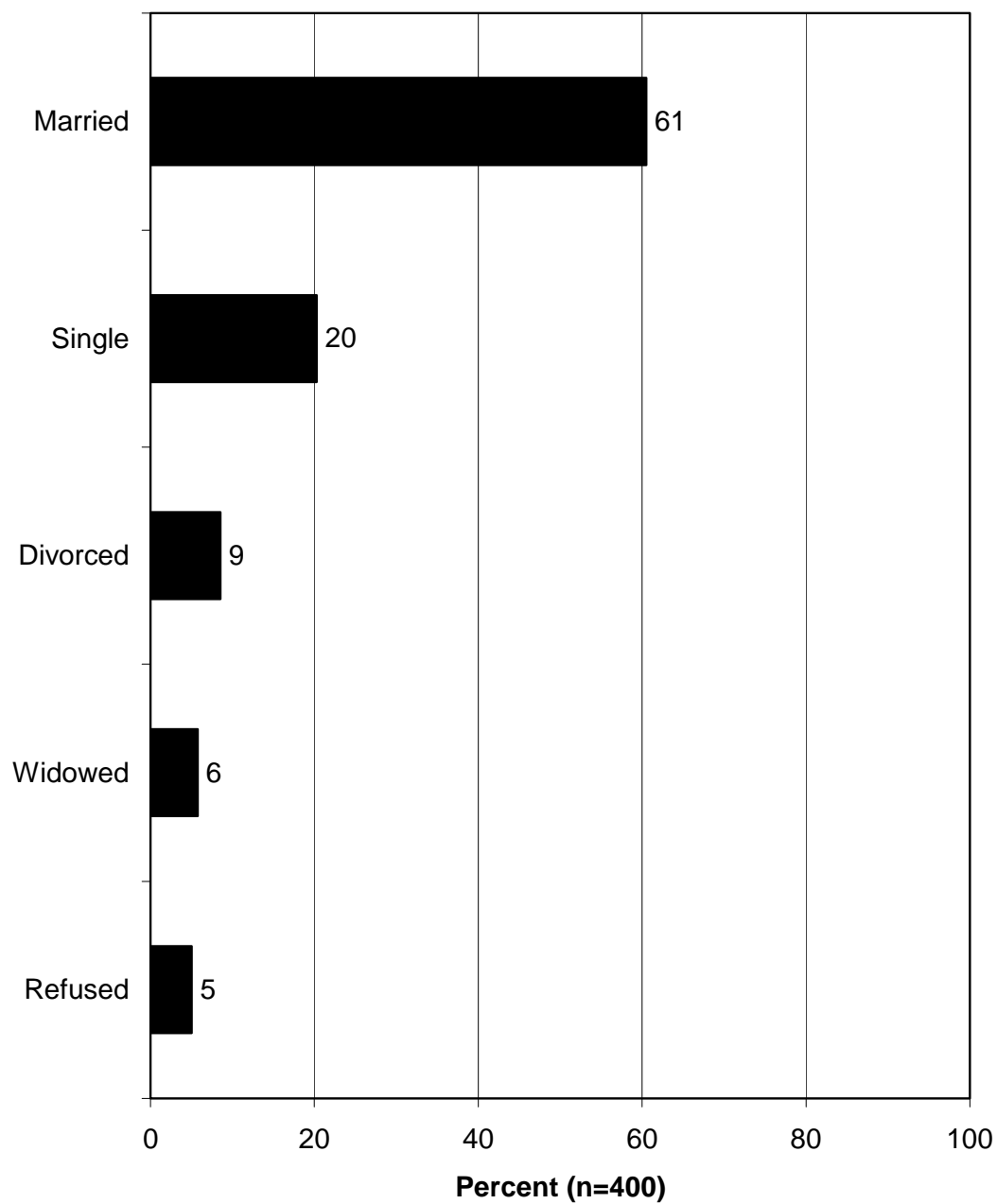


Q333. How many years have you lived in your community?

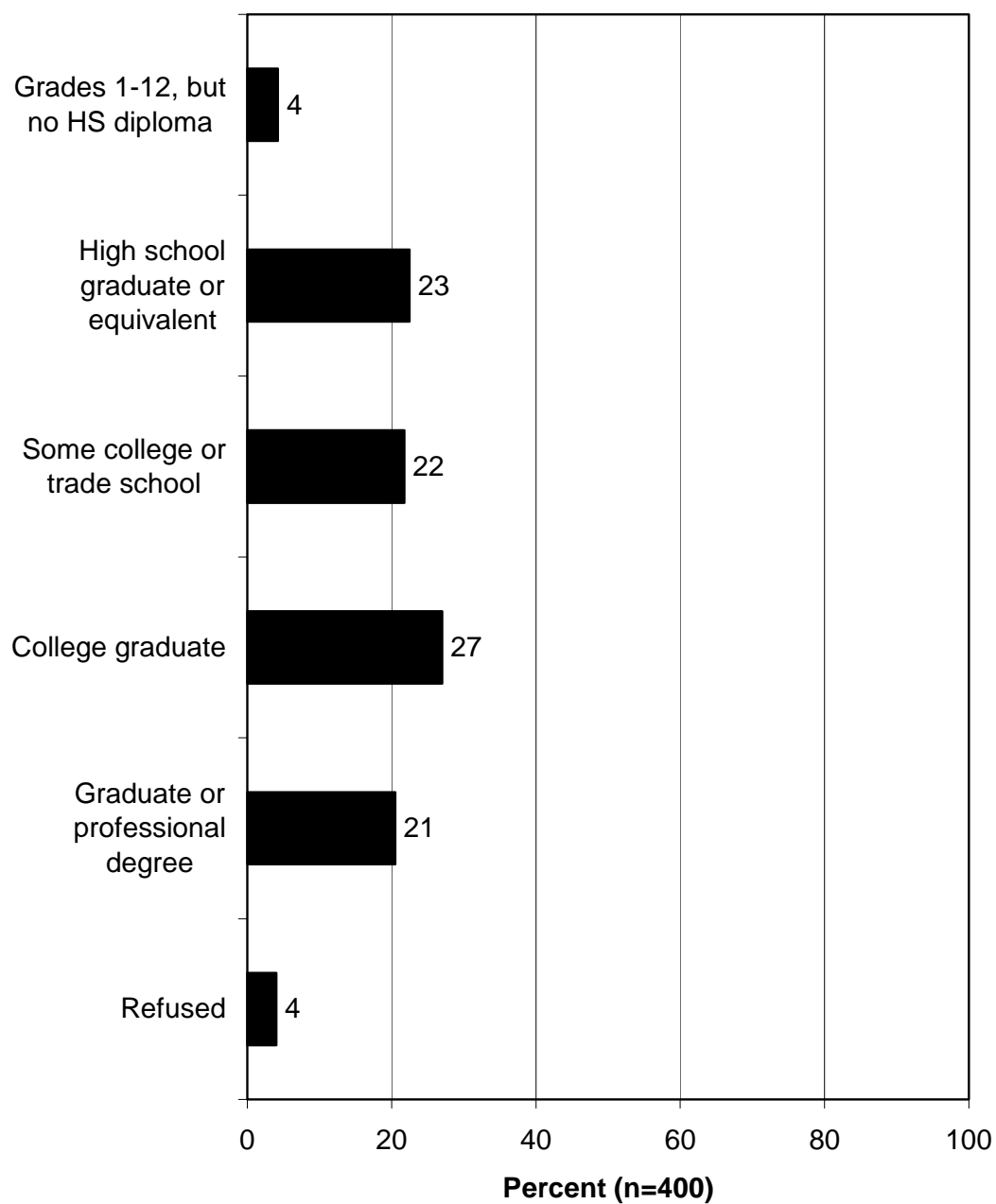
Q334. For how many years have you lived in Maryland?



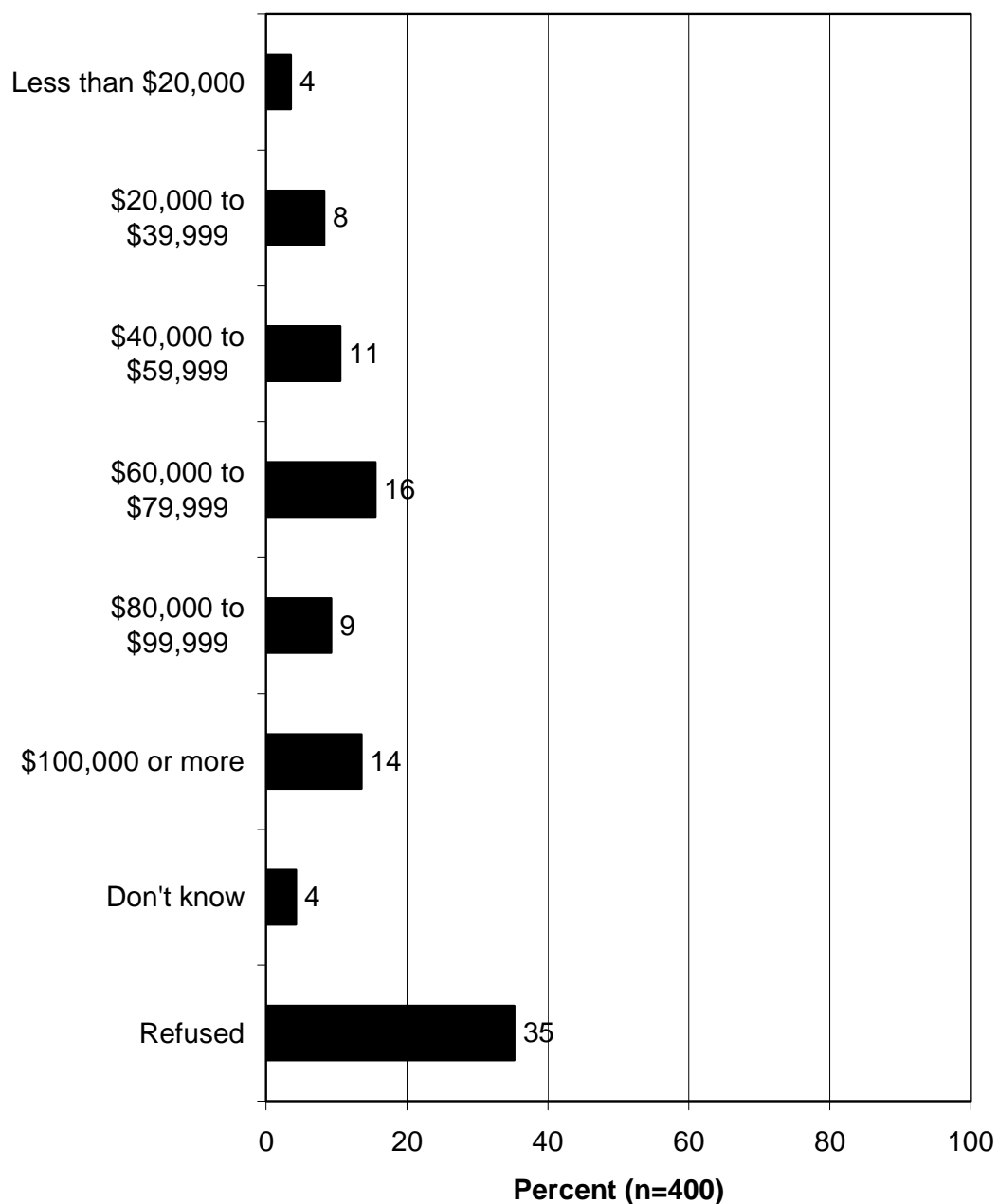
Q337. What is your marital status?

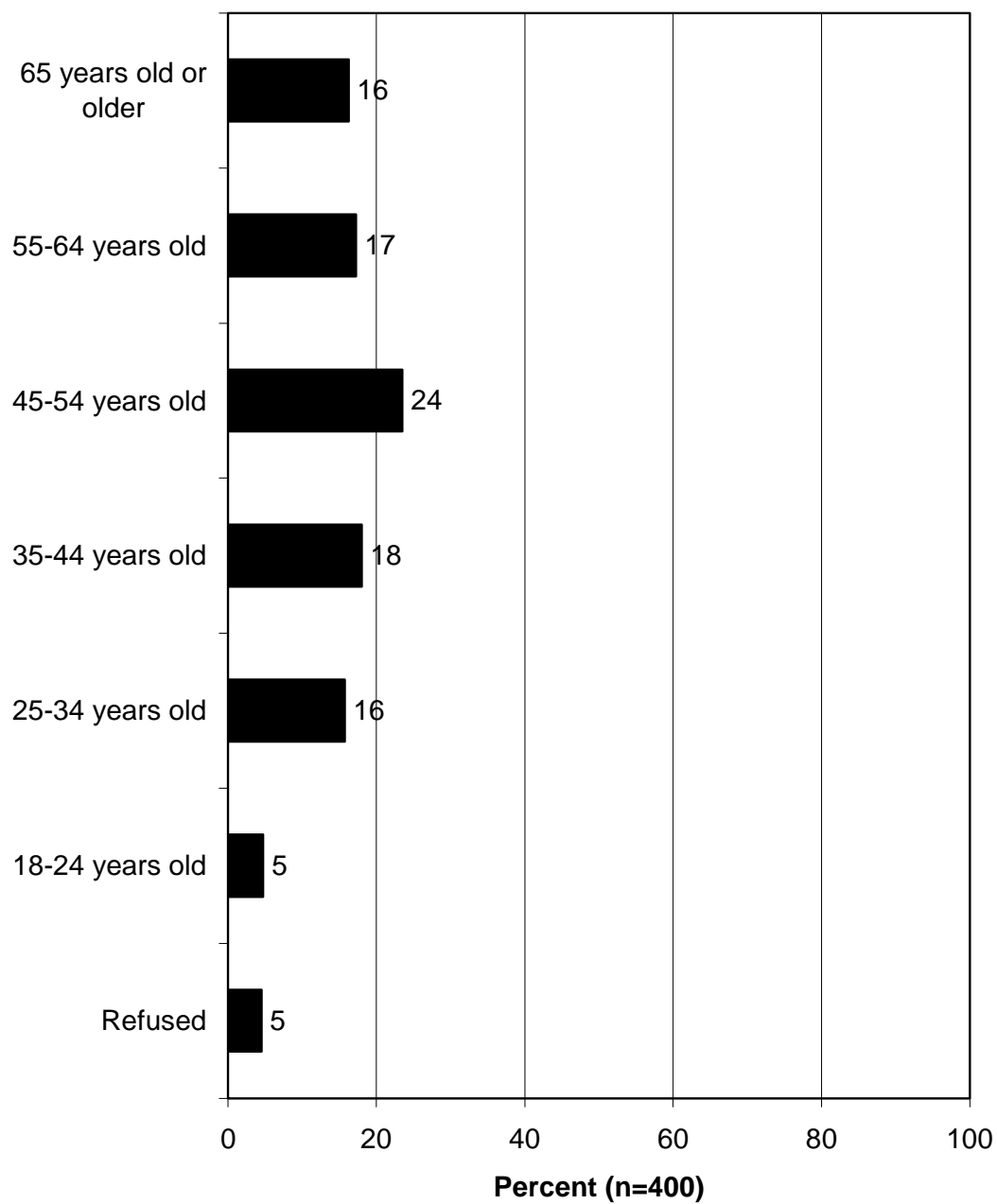


Q338. What is the highest grade level you have completed in school?

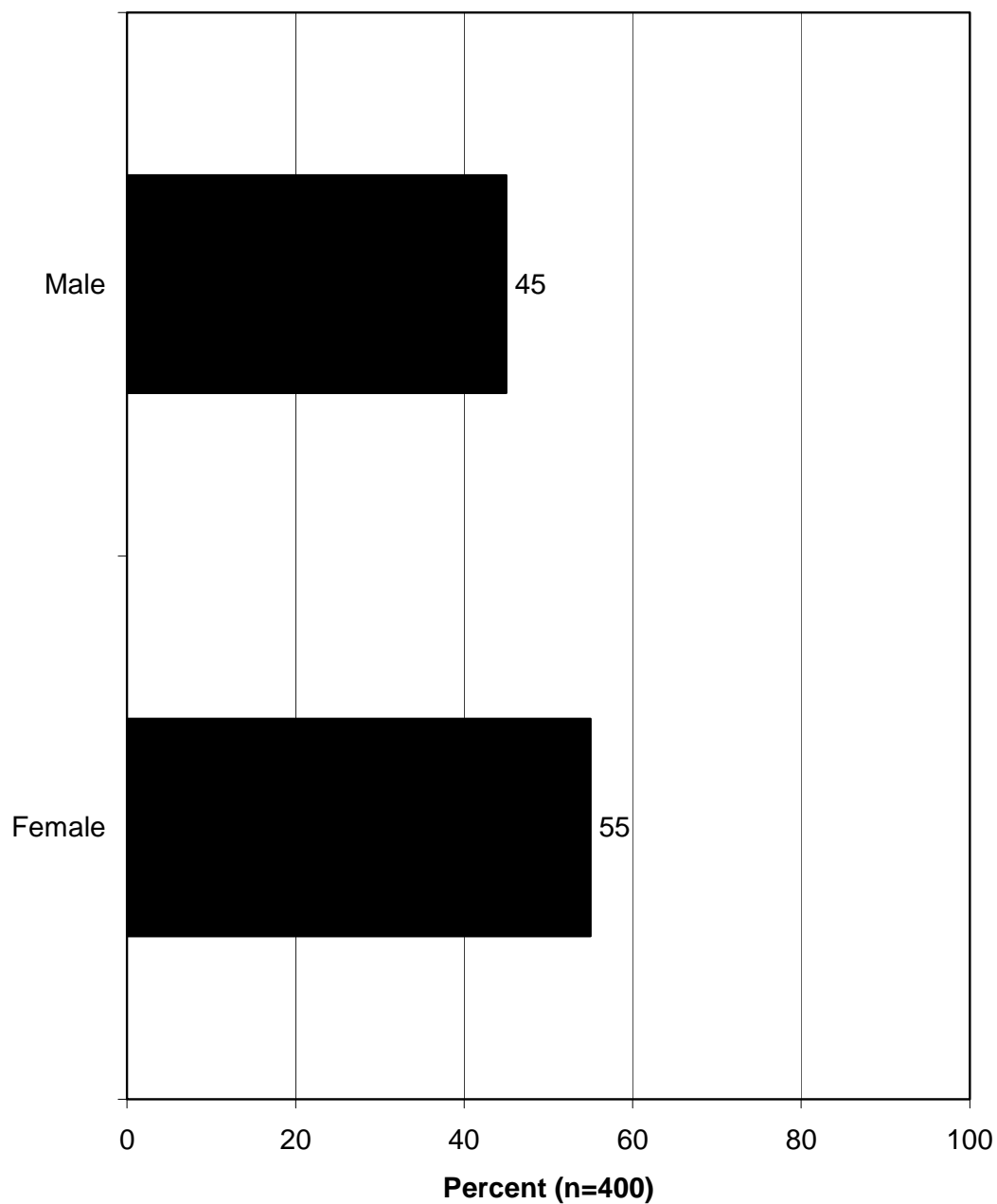


Q339. Which of these categories best describes your total household income before taxes last year?



Q340. May I ask your age?

Q342. Respondent's gender (not asked, but observed by interviewer).



ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Q341. Additional Comments.

Bears are a big issue for me. They should be regulated to protect the communities. Possibly hunting to be able to protect one's property and safety.
The MD DNR needs to do more patrolling of the waters for people operating a boat while intoxicated and people drinking while fishing! Also patrolling crabbers for illegal sizes or gender and fining them a bunch or jail time should be done!
Carroll County deer are overrunning my property.
Get rid of the saltwater license and clean up the Bay! Stop being so political. Kids should fish for free!
I'm an outdoor person and really love wildlife; it's a big part of my life.
I do not think the DNR has the teeth necessary to do their job properly. Many of the laws governing wildlife need to be tougher. I would like to help establish a volunteer corps; there are not enough officers.
I think it's important to be able to hunt and fish, but I also think it is important that it is regulated.
Continue to manage fish populations adequately.
The MD DNR needs to up the size limit on certain fish that are caught to keep them populated and patrol the crabbing more to make sure people are keeping the correct size and gender to get their population back!
I don't dislike deer, I just hate to see the results of over population. They get hit by cars and run off and die; people get hurt as well as their vehicles.
I feel that all of the bordering states on the Chesapeake Bay should come together and do something about restoring the crab population and keeping them here, such as cutting down on commercial crabbing and patrolling the recreational crabbers.
Could you send me information on great fishing areas in Maryland?
I would like to have more information on fishing and hunting regulations when buying a license, and better control is needed for hunting and fishing; safety is most important. Need more information on fish limit and size for Md. and Va.
I live in Lexington Park, and a few years ago it was a beautiful place, but now the urban development is destroying all the wetlands; they are destroying all the trees and driving all the wildlife out of their habitat.
I strongly disagree with MDNR officers acting as federal agents (federal game wardens).
I think that our wildlife is very precious; I really wish we had more funding for wildlife. I do all that I can for wildlife, not just in Maryland, but also in West Va. I really hope we can get more funding!
The MD DNR needs to do more patrolling for crabbers who are catching crabs too small and the females so that the crabs will repopulate. The DNR also needs to hand stiff fines to those who catch small crabs and the females!
I wish the rate to enter a State Park was lowered. I also wish they would take down the "no parking" signs surrounding the State Parks.
Too much politics.
I would like to see more information about anything involving the DNR. I found lots of stuff close to me that I really had to search a while for on the Web. Perhaps more signs, articles in the news, etc., would help interest and involvement.

The deer are over-populated.
It would be nice to see the Department's name out in the public so that people would know there is someone out there.
MD DNR panders to hunters.
The deer population is ridiculously high, and it should be decreased.
My major complaint with the DNR is the turnover in executive personnel; it ruins the continuity.
No cut backs for "Hooked on fishing and hunting—not drugs."
Overall the Fish and Wildlife Federation does a great job.
The crabbing should be available to everyone, not just commercial fisherman; all the waterways and beaches are owned by someone who restricts access, not even boat ramps.
The educational program that involved school children (re: the Maryland terrapin) has now been dissolved, and I don't know why, unless it's because they are becoming extinct. It was an excellent program, and I wish it had not been dissolved.
MD should issue a lifetime hunting license to residents and should have an antler restriction.
I am upset about the mass deer killings in Seneca Creek State Park about 4 years ago.
The MDDNR needs to put more educational programs in the schools about fish and wildlife, to teach about the species in MD and how to protect and preserve their habitat and get the students interested in doing conversation projects.
I hope the DNR keeps up the good work.
Too many deer in my area—totaled one car and busted up another.
I think we need to have better wildlife management with the bear population; because they were protected for so long, the bear population has exploded.
More land for hunting and more bear hunting is needed.
I am unhappy about the charge at Fair Hill Nature Center.
Urban sprawl/urban development is causing loss of habitat for the bear, and the developers are complaining about the bear?!

SURVEY INSTRUMENT

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1. PRESS RETURN WHEN INTERVIEW BEGINS

START

TIMER STARTS AFTER THIS SCREEN

2. Time when interview began

TIME1 1:1-5

3. DOS SURVEY NAME

SNAME 1:6

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

☐ 1. NCIEA

4. ENTER STATE FROM CALLSHEET.

STATE 1:7-8

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 4)

☐ 2. Connecticut

☐ 3. Delaware

☐ 4. Maine

☐ 5. Maryland

☐ 6. Massachusetts

☐ 7. New Hampshire

☐ 8. New Jersey

☐ 9. New York

☐ 10. Pennsylvania

☐ 11. Rhode Island

☐ 12. Vermont

☐ 13. Virginia

☐ 14. West Virginia

IF (#4 = 10) GO TO #5

SKIP TO QUESTION 6

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5. RANDOMIZATION FOR PA FISH AND BOAT/GAME COMMISSION

PARAND 1:9

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. PA Fish and Boat
- ☐ 2. PA Game

6. IDENTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE STATE AGENCY.

STATEAG 1:10-11

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another.
- ☐ 2. CT Department of Environmental Protection
- ☐ 3. DE Division of Fish and Wildlife
- ☐ 4. ME Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
- ☐ 5. MD Department of Natural Resources
- ☐ 6. MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife/Mass Wildlife
- ☐ 7. NH Fish and Game Department
- ☐ 8. NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife
- ☐ 9. NY Division of Fish, Wildlife, and Marine Resources
- ☐ 10. PA Fish and Boat Commission
- ☐ 11. PA Game Commission
- ☐ 12. RI Division of Fish and Wildlife
- ☐ 13. VT Department of Fish and Wildlife
- ☐ 14. VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
- ☐ 15. WV Division of Natural Resources

COMPUTE IF (#4 = 1) 1

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7. IDENTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE STATE UNIVERSITY.

STATEEDU 1:12-13

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another.
- ☐ 2. The University of Connecticut
- ☐ 3. The University of Delaware
- ☐ 4. The University of Maine
- ☐ 5. The University of Maryland
- ☐ 6. The University of Massachusetts
- ☐ 7. The University of New Hampshire
- ☐ 8. Rutgers University
- ☐ 9. The State University of New York
- ☐ 10. Penn State University
- ☐ 11. The University of Rhode Island
- ☐ 12. The University of Vermont
- ☐ 13. The University of Virginia
- ☐ 14. West Virginia University

COMPUTE #4

8. IDENTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE SPECIES FOR CWD QUESTIONS.

CWDSPEC 1:14-15

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another.
- ☐ 2. deer
- ☐ 3. deer
- ☐ 4. moose and deer
- ☐ 5. deer
- ☐ 6. deer
- ☐ 7. moose and deer
- ☐ 8. deer
- ☐ 9. deer
- ☐ 10. deer and elk
- ☐ 11. deer
- ☐ 12. moose and deer
- ☐ 13. deer
- ☐ 14. deer

COMPUTE #4

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9. IDENTIFICATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TITLE.

OFFICER 1:16-17

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another.
- ☐ 2. Conservation Enforcement Officer
- ☐ 3. Fish & Wildlife Enforcement Agent
- ☐ 4. Game Warden
- ☐ 5. Natural Resources Police Officer
- ☐ 6. Environmental Police Officer
- ☐ 7. Conservation Officer
- ☐ 8. Conservation Officer
- ☐ 9. Environmental Conservation Officer
- ☐ 10. Wildlife Conservation Officer
- ☐ 11. Conservation Officer
- ☐ 12. Game Warden
- ☐ 13. Game Warden
- ☐ 14. Conservation Officer

COMPUTE #4

10. Hello, my name is _____, and I'm calling on behalf of the state of #4 under a grant from the US Fish & Wildlife Service to ask you some questions about fish and wildlife in #4. We are not selling anything and the survey will just take a few minutes. Will you help us out by answering some questions?

CONPER 1:18-19

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Correct person, good time to do survey (GO TO QUESTION 13)
- ☐ 2. Bad time/schedule recall (CB - do not save) (GO TO QUESTION 11)
- ☐ 3. AM, NA, BZ (do not save)
- ☐ 4. TM
- ☐ 5. RF
- ☐ 6. NE
- ☐ 7. DS
- ☐ 8. BG
- ☐ 9. DL
- ☐ 10. Bad Number (missing digit, begins with zero, etc.)

SKIP TO QUESTION 346

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11. When would be a more convenient time to call you back?
Thank you for your time.

WHENCALL

ENTER DAY AND TIME ON CALLSHEET (CB)

SKIP TO QUESTION 346
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12. YOU DID NOT USE SPACE BAR

NOSPAC1

PRESS ENTER TO TRY AGAIN

13. First, I'm going to read a list of outdoor activities, and
I would like to know if you've participated in each in the
past 12 months. Have you participated in...?
(READ LIST; CHECK IF YES)

ACTIV 1:20-33

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ 1. Hiking
- ☐ 2. Wildlife viewing within 1 mile of your home
- ☐ 3. Taking a trip at least 1 mile from home to view wildlife
- ☐ 4. Birdwatching
- ☐ 5. Visiting a state or national park
- ☐ 6. Biking
- ☐ 7. Camping
- ☐ 8. Motorboating
- ☐ 9. Canoeing/Kayaking
- ☐ 10. Freshwater fishing
- ☐ 11. Saltwater fishing
- ☐ 12. Hunting
- ☐ 13. Trapping
- ☐ 14. (DNR: None of these)

IF (#13 = 0) GO TO #12

IF (#4 = 10 AND #5 = 1) GO TO #14

IF (#4 = 10 AND #5 = 2) GO TO #17

SKIP TO QUESTION 20
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14. Which government agency would you say is most responsible for managing and protecting fish in #4? (DO NOT READ LIST)

NAMEPFBC 1:34

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Correct state agency (REFER TO LIST OF STATE AGENCIES)
☐ 2. Incorrect derivative of state agency
☐ 3. Don't know
☐ 4. Other (GO TO QUESTION 15)

SKIP TO QUESTION 16

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15. ENTER OTHER NAME OF STATE AGENCY.

NAMEPAFB 2:1-240

16. The #6

is responsible for managing and protecting fish in #4.

Before this survey, would you say you knew a great deal, a moderate amount, a little, or nothing about the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

AGKNPFBC 2:241

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 16)
☐ 2. A great deal
☐ 3. A moderate amount
☐ 4. A little
☐ 5. Nothing
☐ 6. Don't know

SKIP TO QUESTION 23

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17. Which government agency would you say is most responsible for managing and protecting wildlife in #4? (DO NOT READ LIST)

NAMEPGC 2:242

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Correct state agency (REFER TO LIST OF STATE AGENCIES)
☐ 2. Incorrect derivative of state agency
☐ 3. Don't know
☐ 4. Other (GO TO QUESTION 18)

SKIP TO QUESTION 19

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18. ENTER OTHER NAME OF STATE AGENCY.

NAMEPAGC 3:1-240

19. The #6

is responsible for managing and protecting wildlife in #4.

Before this survey, would you say you knew a great deal, a moderate amount, a little, or nothing about the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

AGKNPGC 3:241

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 19)
☐ 2. A great deal
☐ 3. A moderate amount
☐ 4. A little
☐ 5. Nothing
☐ 6. Don't know

SKIP TO QUESTION 23

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20. Which government agency would you say is most responsible for managing and protecting fish and wildlife in #4? (DO NOT READ LIST)

NAMEAG 3:242

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Correct state agency (REFER TO LIST OF STATE AGENCIES)
☐ 2. Incorrect derivative of state agency
☐ 3. Don't know
☐ 4. Other (GO TO QUESTION 21)

SKIP TO QUESTION 22

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21. ENTER OTHER NAME OF STATE AGENCY.

NAMEAGST 4:1-240

22. The #6

is responsible for managing and protecting fish and wildlife in #4.

Before this survey, would you say you knew a great deal, a moderate amount, a little, or nothing about the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

AGKNOW 4:241

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 22)
☐ 2. A great deal
☐ 3. A moderate amount
☐ 4. A little
☐ 5. Nothing
☐ 6. Don't know

23. Now I would like to ask about your opinions regarding the #6.

Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the #6 as a governmental agency in #4, or do you not know?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
DEPTSAT 4:242
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 23)
- ☐ 2. Very satisfied
- ☐ 3. Somewhat satisfied
- ☐ 4. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ 5. Somewhat dissatisfied
- ☐ 6. Very dissatisfied
- ☐ 7. Don't know

24. Now I'm going to read a list of statements, and I'd like to know if you agree or disagree with each one.

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PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE

IF (#4 = 10 AND #5 = 1) GO TO #25

IF (#4 = 10 AND #5 = 2) GO TO #32

SKIP TO QUESTION 39

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25. RANDOMIZATION FOR AGENCY ATTITUDES QUESTIONS

AGRANDPF 4:243

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Q1 (GO TO QUESTION 26)
- ☐ 2. Q2 (GO TO QUESTION 27)
- ☐ 3. Q3 (GO TO QUESTION 28)
- ☐ 4. Q4 (GO TO QUESTION 29)
- ☐ 5. Q5 (GO TO QUESTION 30)
- ☐ 6. Q6 (GO TO QUESTION 31)

SKIP TO QUESTION 46

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26. The #6
primarily serves the interests of anglers.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
INTEREPF 4:244
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 26)
☐ 2. Strongly agree
☐ 3. Moderately agree
☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
☐ 5. Moderately disagree
☐ 6. Strongly disagree
☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#25 = 2) GO TO #46

27. The #6
effectively balances the interests of anglers,
conservation groups, and the general public.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
BALANCPF 4:245
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 27)
☐ 2. Strongly agree
☐ 3. Moderately agree
☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
☐ 5. Moderately disagree
☐ 6. Strongly disagree
☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#25 = 3) GO TO #46

28. Scientific fisheries methods serve as the primary guide for the work of the #6.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
METHODPF 4:246
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 28)
- ☐ 2. Strongly agree
- ☐ 3. Moderately agree
- ☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5. Moderately disagree
- ☐ 6. Strongly disagree
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#25 = 4) GO TO #46

29. The work of the #6 is primarily influenced by environmental or conservation groups?

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
INFLUEPF 4:247
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 29)
- ☐ 2. Strongly agree
- ☐ 3. Moderately agree
- ☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5. Moderately disagree
- ☐ 6. Strongly disagree
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#25 = 5) GO TO #46

30. The #6
is doing enough to protect our state's fish populations.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
ENOUGHPF 4:248
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 30)
- ☐ 2. Strongly agree
- ☐ 3. Moderately agree
- ☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5. Moderately disagree
- ☐ 6. Strongly disagree
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#25 = 6) GO TO #46

31. The staff at the #6
really cares about fish.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
CARESPF 4:249
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 31)
- ☐ 2. Strongly agree
- ☐ 3. Moderately agree
- ☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5. Moderately disagree
- ☐ 6. Strongly disagree
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#25 = 1) GO TO #46

SKIP TO QUESTION 26

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32. RANDOMIZATION FOR AGENCY ATTITUDES QUESTIONS

AGRANDPG 4:250

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Q1 (GO TO QUESTION 33)
- ☐ 2. Q2 (GO TO QUESTION 34)
- ☐ 3. Q3 (GO TO QUESTION 35)
- ☐ 4. Q4 (GO TO QUESTION 36)
- ☐ 5. Q5 (GO TO QUESTION 37)
- ☐ 6. Q6 (GO TO QUESTION 38)

SKIP TO QUESTION 46

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33. The #6

primarily serves the interests of hunters.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

INTEREPG 5:1

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 33)
- ☐ 2. Strongly agree
- ☐ 3. Moderately agree
- ☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5. Moderately disagree
- ☐ 6. Strongly disagree
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#32 = 2) GO TO #46

34. The #6
effectively balances the interests of hunters,
conservation groups, and the general public.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
BALANCPG 5:2
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 34)
☐ 2. Strongly agree
☐ 3. Moderately agree
☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
☐ 5. Moderately disagree
☐ 6. Strongly disagree
☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#32 = 3) GO TO #46

35. Scientific wildlife methods serve as the
primary guide for the work of the
#6.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
METHODPG 5:3
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 35)
☐ 2. Strongly agree
☐ 3. Moderately agree
☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
☐ 5. Moderately disagree
☐ 6. Strongly disagree
☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#32 = 4) GO TO #46

36. The work of the #6
is primarily influenced by environmental or conservation
groups?

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
INFLUEPG 5:4
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 36)
☐ 2. Strongly agree
☐ 3. Moderately agree
☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
☐ 5. Moderately disagree
☐ 6. Strongly disagree
☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#32 = 5) GO TO #46

37. The #6
is doing enough to protect our state's wildlife
populations.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
ENOUGHPG 5:5
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 37)
☐ 2. Strongly agree
☐ 3. Moderately agree
☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
☐ 5. Moderately disagree
☐ 6. Strongly disagree
☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#32 = 6) GO TO #46

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38. The staff at the #6
really cares about wildlife.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
CARESPG 5:6
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 38)
- ☐ 2. Strongly agree
- ☐ 3. Moderately agree
- ☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5. Moderately disagree
- ☐ 6. Strongly disagree
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#32 = 1) GO TO #46

SKIP TO QUESTION 33

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39. RANDOMIZATION FOR AGENCY ATTITUDES QUESTIONS

AGNCYRND 5:7
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Q1 (GO TO QUESTION 40)
- ☐ 2. Q2 (GO TO QUESTION 41)
- ☐ 3. Q3 (GO TO QUESTION 42)
- ☐ 4. Q4 (GO TO QUESTION 43)
- ☐ 5. Q5 (GO TO QUESTION 44)
- ☐ 6. Q6 (GO TO QUESTION 45)

SKIP TO QUESTION 46

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40. The #6
primarily serves the interests of hunters and anglers.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
INTEREST 5:8
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 40)
☐ 2. Strongly agree
☐ 3. Moderately agree
☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
☐ 5. Moderately disagree
☐ 6. Strongly disagree
☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#39 = 2) GO TO #46

41. The #6
effectively balances the interests of anglers, hunters,
conservation groups, and the general public.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
BALANCE 5:9
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 41)
☐ 2. Strongly agree
☐ 3. Moderately agree
☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
☐ 5. Moderately disagree
☐ 6. Strongly disagree
☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#39 = 3) GO TO #46

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42. Scientific fish and wildlife methods serve as the primary guide for the work of the #6.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
METHODS 5:10
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 42)
☐ 2. Strongly agree
☐ 3. Moderately agree
☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
☐ 5. Moderately disagree
☐ 6. Strongly disagree
☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#39 = 4) GO TO #46

43. The work of the #6 is primarily influenced by environmental and/or conservation groups.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
INFLUENC 5:11
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 43)
☐ 2. Strongly agree
☐ 3. Moderately agree
☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
☐ 5. Moderately disagree
☐ 6. Strongly disagree
☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#39 = 5) GO TO #46

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44. The #6
is doing enough to protect our state's fish and wildlife
populations.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
ENOUGH 5:12
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 44)
☐ 2. Strongly agree
☐ 3. Moderately agree
☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
☐ 5. Moderately disagree
☐ 6. Strongly disagree
☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#39 = 6) GO TO #46

45. The staff at the #6
really cares about fish and wildlife.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
CARES 5:13
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 45)
☐ 2. Strongly agree
☐ 3. Moderately agree
☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
☐ 5. Moderately disagree
☐ 6. Strongly disagree
☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#39 = 1) GO TO #46

SKIP TO QUESTION 40

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46. What would you say is the MOST important fish or wildlife issue facing #4 today? (DNR LIST; CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

ISSUE 5:14-15

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 46)
- ☐ 2. Habitat loss
- ☐ 3. Habitat fragmentation
- ☐ 4. Wildlife health
- ☐ 5. Low nongame wildlife populations
- ☐ 6. Low game wildlife populations
- ☐ 7. Low fish populations
- ☐ 8. Poaching/Fish and Wildlife violations
- ☐ 9. Not enough water/Water quantity
- ☐ 10. Polluted water/Water quality
- ☐ 11. Air pollution/Air quality
- ☐ 12. Urban sprawl/Urban development
- ☐ 13. Threatened or endangered species
- ☐ 14. Low hunting license sales
- ☐ 15. Low fishing license sales
- ☐ 16. Protection of greenspace
- ☐ 17. Don't know
- ☐ 18. Other (GO TO QUESTION 47)

SKIP TO QUESTION 49

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47. ENTER OTHER ISSUE.

ISSUE 6:1-240

SKIP TO QUESTION 49

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48. YOU DID NOT USE
YOUR SPACE BAR

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PRESS ENTER TO TRY AGAIN

49. Are there any other important fish or wildlife issues
facing #4 today? (DNR LIST; CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

OTHISS 7:1-17

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ 1. Habitat loss
- ☐ 2. Habitat fragmentation
- ☐ 3. Wildlife health
- ☐ 4. Low nongame wildlife populations
- ☐ 5. Low game wildlife populations
- ☐ 6. Low fish populations
- ☐ 7. Poaching/Fish and Wildlife violations
- ☐ 8. Not enough water/Water quantity
- ☐ 9. Polluted water/Water quality
- ☐ 10. Air pollution/Air quality
- ☐ 11. Urban sprawl/Urban development
- ☐ 12. Threatened or endangered species
- ☐ 13. Low hunting license sales
- ☐ 14. Low fishing license sales
- ☐ 15. Protection of greenspace
- ☐ 16. Don't know
- ☐ 17. Other (GO TO QUESTION 50)

SKIP TO QUESTION 51

50. ENTER OTHER ISSUE.

OTHISSST 8:1-240

51. People associate several different values with natural
resources and outdoor recreation. I'd like to know if each
of the following values is important or unimportant to you.

VALUES

Press ENTER to continue

52. Is it important or unimportant to you that wildlife exists in #4?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

WLDEXIST 8:241

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 52)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

53. Is it important or unimportant to you that fish and wildlife populations are being properly managed and conserved in #4?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

GIVMGMT 8:242

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 53)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

54. Is it important or unimportant to you that people have the opportunity to FISH in #4?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

KNOWFISH 8:243

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 54)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

55. Is it important or unimportant to you that people have the opportunity to HUNT in #4?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
KNOWHUNT 8:244
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 55)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

56. Is it important or unimportant to you that people have the opportunity to VIEW WILDLIFE in #4?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
VIEWWILD 8:245
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 56)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

57. Is it important or unimportant to you that ECOLOGICALLY IMPORTANT HABITATS AND LANDS in #4 are being protected and preserved?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
LANDS 8:246
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 57)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

58. Is it important or unimportant to you that natural areas exist in #4 for ENJOYING AND EXPERIENCING NATURE?

EXP NAT 8:247

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 58)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

59. Is it important or unimportant to you that #4's WATER RESOURCES are safe and well protected?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

H2O 8:248

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 59)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

60. In the past year, would you say you've heard a great deal, a moderate amount, a little, or nothing about Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

HEARCWD 8:249

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 60)
- ☐ 2. A great deal
- ☐ 3. A moderate amount
- ☐ 4. A little
- ☐ 5. Nothing
- ☐ 6. Don't know

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61. How great a threat do you think CWD is to #4's
#8 populations? Would you say it is a major
threat, a minor threat, or not a threat to #4's
#8 populations? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

ANMLTHRT 8:250

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 61)
- ☐ 2. Major threat
- ☐ 3. Minor threat
- ☐ 4. Not a threat
- ☐ 5. Don't know

62. How great a threat do you think CWD is to #4's
residents? Would you say it is a major threat, a minor
threat, or not a threat to #4's residents?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

HUMNTHRT 9:1

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 62)
- ☐ 2. Major threat
- ☐ 3. Minor threat
- ☐ 4. Not a threat
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#4 = 10 AND #5 = 1) GO TO #63

IF (#4 = 10 AND #5 = 2) GO TO #74

SKIP TO QUESTION 86

63. Now I'm going to read a list of fisheries programs.
For each one, please tell me if you think it is an
important or unimportant program for the
#6?

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64. RANDOMIZATION FOR PROGRAM PRIORITIES

ISSUPFBC 9:2

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Q1 (GO TO QUESTION 65)
- ☐ 2. Q2 (GO TO QUESTION 66)
- ☐ 3. Q3 (GO TO QUESTION 67)
- ☐ 4. Q4 (GO TO QUESTION 68)
- ☐ 5. Q5 (GO TO QUESTION 69)
- ☐ 6. Q6 (GO TO QUESTION 70)
- ☐ 7. Q7 (GO TO QUESTION 71)
- ☐ 8. Q8 (GO TO QUESTION 72)
- ☐ 9. Q9 (GO TO QUESTION 73)

SKIP TO QUESTION 101

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65. Do you think protecting endangered species is
an important or unimportant program for the
#6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

PROTPF 9:3

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 65)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#64 = 2) GO TO #101

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66. Do you think restoring native fish species to the state is an important or unimportant program for the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

RESTOPF 9:4

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 66)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#64 = 3) GO TO #101

67. Do you think managing fish populations is an important or unimportant program for the #6

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

FISHPPF 9:5

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 67)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#64 = 4) GO TO #101

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68. Do you think protecting citizens against diseases
from fish is an important or unimportant program
for the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

CTZNHLPF 9:6

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 68)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#64 = 5) GO TO #101

69. Do you think providing opportunities for the general
public to view wildlife is an important or unimportant
program for the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

VIEWOPF 9:7

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 69)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#64 = 6) GO TO #101

70. Do you think providing opportunities for recreational fishing is an important or unimportant program for the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

FISHOPF 9:8

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 70)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#64 = 7) GO TO #101

71. Do you think providing educational programs on the state's fisheries is an important or unimportant program for the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

EDPRPF 9:9

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 71)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#64 = 8) GO TO #101

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72. Do you think enforcing fish laws is an
important or unimportant program for the
#6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

ENFLAPF 9:10

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 72)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#64 = 9) GO TO #101

73. Do you think protecting and preserving fisheries habitat
is an important or unimportant program for the
#6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

PROTHPF 9:11

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 73)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#64 = 1) GO TO #101

SKIP TO QUESTION 65

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74. Now I'm going to read a list of wildlife programs.

For each one, please tell me if you think it is an
important or unimportant program for the
#6?

PROGPGC

PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE

75. RANDOMIZATION FOR PROGRAM PRIORITIES

ISSUPGC 9:12-13

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Q1 (GO TO QUESTION 76)
- ☐ 2. Q2 (GO TO QUESTION 77)
- ☐ 3. Q3 (GO TO QUESTION 78)
- ☐ 4. Q4 (GO TO QUESTION 79)
- ☐ 5. Q5 (GO TO QUESTION 80)
- ☐ 6. Q6 (GO TO QUESTION 81)
- ☐ 7. Q7 (GO TO QUESTION 82)
- ☐ 8. Q8 (GO TO QUESTION 83)
- ☐ 9. Q9 (GO TO QUESTION 84)
- ☐ 10. Q10 (GO TO QUESTION 85)

SKIP TO QUESTION 101

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76. Do you think protecting endangered species is
an important or unimportant program for the
#6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

PROTTPG 9:14

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 76)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#75 = 2) GO TO #101

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77. Do you think restoring native wildlife species to the state is an important or unimportant program for the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

RESTOPG 9:15

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 77)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#75 = 3) GO TO #101

78. Do you think managing wildlife populations is an important or unimportant program for the #6

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

FISHPPG 9:16

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 78)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#75 = 4) GO TO #101

79. Do you think protecting citizens against diseases from animals such as lyme disease and rabies is an important or unimportant program for the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

CTZNHLPG 9:17

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 79)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#75 = 5) GO TO #101

80. Do you think protecting citizens from harm from predators such as coyotes and bears is an important or unimportant program for the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

CTZNPRPG 9:18

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 80)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#75 = 6) GO TO #101

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81. Do you think providing opportunities for the general public to view wildlife is an important or unimportant program for the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

VIEWOPG 9:19

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 81)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#75 = 7) GO TO #101

82. Do you think providing opportunities for recreational hunting is an important or unimportant program for the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

FISHOPG 9:20

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 82)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#75 = 8) GO TO #101

83. Do you think providing educational programs
on the state's wildlife is an important or
unimportant program for the
#6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

EDPRPG 9:21

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 83)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#75 = 9) GO TO #101

84. Do you think enforcing wildlife laws is an
important or unimportant program for the
#6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

ENFLAPG 9:22

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 84)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#75 = 10) GO TO #101

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85. Do you think protecting and preserving wildlife habitat
is an important or unimportant program for the
#6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

PROTHPG 9:23

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 85)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#75 = 1) GO TO #101

SKIP TO QUESTION 76

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86. Now I'm going to read a list of fish and wildlife
programs. For each one, please tell me if you think
it is an important or unimportant program for the
#6?

PROGRAMS

PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE

87. RANDOMIZATION FOR PROGRAM PRIORITIES

ISSUERND 9:24-25

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Q1 (GO TO QUESTION 88)
- ☐ 2. Q2 (GO TO QUESTION 89)
- ☐ 3. Q3 (GO TO QUESTION 90)
- ☐ 4. Q4 (GO TO QUESTION 91)
- ☐ 5. Q5 (GO TO QUESTION 92)
- ☐ 6. Q6 (GO TO QUESTION 93)
- ☐ 7. Q7 (GO TO QUESTION 94)
- ☐ 8. Q8 (GO TO QUESTION 95)
- ☐ 9. Q9 (GO TO QUESTION 96)
- ☐ 10. Q10 (GO TO QUESTION 97)
- ☐ 11. Q11 (GO TO QUESTION 98)
- ☐ 12. Q12 (GO TO QUESTION 99)

SKIP TO QUESTION 101

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88. Do you think protecting endangered species is
an important or unimportant program for the
#6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

PROTTNE 9:26

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 88)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#87 = 2) GO TO #101

89. Do you think restoring native fish and wildlife species
to the state is an important or unimportant program for
the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

RESTORE 9:27

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 89)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#87 = 3) GO TO #101

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90. Do you think managing fish populations is an
important or unimportant program for the
#6

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

FISHPOP 9:28

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 90)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#87 = 4) GO TO #101

91. Do you think managing wildlife populations is
an important or unimportant program for the
#6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

WILDPOP 9:29

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 91)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#87 = 5) GO TO #101

92. Do you think protecting citizens against diseases from animals such as lyme disease and rabies is an important or unimportant program for the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

CTZNHLTH 9:30

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 92)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#87 = 6) GO TO #101

93. Do you think protecting citizens from harm from predators such as coyotes and bears is an important or unimportant program for the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

CTZNPROT 9:31

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 93)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#87 = 7) GO TO #101

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94. Do you think providing opportunities for the general public to view wildlife is an important or unimportant program for the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

VIEWOPP 9:32

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 94)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#87 = 8) GO TO #101

95. Do you think providing opportunities for recreational fishing is an important or unimportant program for the #6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

FISHOPP 9:33

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 95)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#87 = 9) GO TO #101

96. Do you think providing opportunities for hunting
is an important or unimportant program for the
#6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

WILDOPP 9:34

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 96)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#87 = 10) GO TO #101

97. Do you think providing educational programs
on the state's fish and wildlife is an
important or unimportant program for the
#6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

EDPROG 9:35

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 97)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#87 = 11) GO TO #101

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98. Do you think enforcing fish and game laws is an
important or unimportant program for the
#6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

ENFLAWS 9:36

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 98)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#87 = 12) GO TO #101

99. Do you think protecting and preserving fish and wildlife
habitat is an important or unimportant program for the
#6?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

PROTHAB 9:37

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 99)
- ☐ 2. Very important
- ☐ 3. Somewhat important
- ☐ 4. Neither important nor unimportant
- ☐ 5. Somewhat unimportant
- ☐ 6. Very unimportant
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#87 = 1) GO TO #101

SKIP TO QUESTION 88

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100. YOU DID NOT USE
YOUR SPACE BAR

NOSPAC94

PRESS ENTER TO TRY AGAIN

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101. Now I'd like to ask you some questions about funding for the #6.

How do you think the #6
is funded? (DNR LIST; CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

HOWFND 9:38-47

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ 1. Taxes (nothing specific)
- ☐ 2. Hunting and fishing licenses
- ☐ 3. Excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment
- ☐ 4. Taxes on motorboat fuel
- ☐ 5. General state revenue
- ☐ 6. General federal revenue
- ☐ 7. State income tax check-off/nongame donations
- ☐ 8. Fines
- ☐ 9. Don't know
- ☐ 10. Other (GO TO QUESTION 102)

IF (#101 = 0) GO TO #100

SKIP TO QUESTION 103

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102. ENTER OTHER SOURCE OF FUNDING.

HOWFNDST 10:1-240

103. Next, I'd like to know if you agree or disagree with the next two statements.

FUNDING

PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE

IF (#4 = 10 AND #5 = 1) GO TO #104

IF (#4 = 10 AND #5 = 2) GO TO #107

SKIP TO QUESTION 110

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104. RANDOMIZATION FOR FUNDING MECHANISMS

FEEPFBC 10:241

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Q1 (GO TO QUESTION 105)
☐ 2. Q2 (GO TO QUESTION 106)

SKIP TO QUESTION 113

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105. Fees from fishing licenses, excise taxes on fishing equipment,
and a portion of the existing tax on motorboat fuel are the only
source of funds for the #6.

It does not receive funding from general state tax revenues.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

LICENSPF 10:242

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 105)
☐ 2. Strongly agree
☐ 3. Moderately agree
☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
☐ 5. Moderately disagree
☐ 6. Strongly disagree
☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#104 = 2) GO TO #113

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106. The #6

is funded from a variety of sources, INCLUDING general state tax revenues, excise taxes on fishing equipment, a portion of the existing tax on motorboat fuel, and fishing license fees.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

VARIEPF 10:243

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 106)
- ☐ 2. Strongly agree
- ☐ 3. Moderately agree
- ☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5. Moderately disagree
- ☐ 6. Strongly disagree
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#104 = 1) GO TO #113

SKIP TO QUESTION 105

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107. RANDOMIZATION FOR FUNDING MECHANISMS

FEEPGC 10:244

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Q1 (GO TO QUESTION 108)
- ☐ 2. Q2 (GO TO QUESTION 109)

SKIP TO QUESTION 113

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108. Fees from hunting licenses and excise taxes on hunting equipment are the only source of funds for the #6. It does not receive funding from general state tax revenues.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
LICENSPG 10:245
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 108)
- ☐ 2. Strongly agree
- ☐ 3. Moderately agree
- ☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5. Moderately disagree
- ☐ 6. Strongly disagree
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#107 = 2) GO TO #113

109. The #6 is funded from a variety of sources, INCLUDING general state tax revenues, excise taxes on hunting equipment, and hunting license fees.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
VARIEPG 10:246
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 109)
- ☐ 2. Strongly agree
- ☐ 3. Moderately agree
- ☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5. Moderately disagree
- ☐ 6. Strongly disagree
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#107 = 1) GO TO #113

SKIP TO QUESTION 108

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110. RANDOMIZATION FOR FUNDING MECHANISMS

FEERAND 10:247

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Q1 (GO TO QUESTION 111)
☐ 2. Q2 (GO TO QUESTION 112)

SKIP TO QUESTION 113

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111. Fees from hunting and fishing licenses, excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment, and a portion of the existing tax on motorboat fuel are the only source of funds for the #6. It does not receive funding from general state tax revenues.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

LICENSES 10:248

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 111)
☐ 2. Strongly agree
☐ 3. Moderately agree
☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
☐ 5. Moderately disagree
☐ 6. Strongly disagree
☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#110 = 2) GO TO #113

112. The #6

is funded from a variety of sources, INCLUDING general state tax revenues, excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment, a portion of the existing tax on motorboat fuel, and hunting and fishing license fees.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

VARIETY 10:249

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 112)
- ☐ 2. Strongly agree
- ☐ 3. Moderately agree
- ☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5. Moderately disagree
- ☐ 6. Strongly disagree
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#110 = 1) GO TO #113

SKIP TO QUESTION 111

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113. Overall, do you think the fees for hunting licenses are too high, too low, or about the right price in #4?

HUNTFEES 10:250

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 113)
- ☐ 2. Too high
- ☐ 3. About the right price
- ☐ 4. Too low
- ☐ 5. Don't know

114. Overall, do you think the fees for fishing licenses are too high, too low, or about the right price in #4?

FISHFEES 11:1

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 114)
- ☐ 2. Too high
- ☐ 3. About the right price
- ☐ 4. Too low
- ☐ 5. Don't know

115. Would you support or oppose increases in user fees, such as hunting and fishing licenses, to cover the costs of protecting and managing fish and wildlife.
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
FEEMANAG 11:2
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 115)
- ☐ 2. Strongly support
- ☐ 3. Moderately support
- ☐ 4. Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ 5. Moderately oppose
- ☐ 6. Strongly oppose
- ☐ 7. Don't know

116. Would you support or oppose increases in user fees, such as hunting and fishing licenses, if it meant more opportunities for these activities? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
MOREOPP 11:3
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 116)
- ☐ 2. Strongly support
- ☐ 3. Moderately support
- ☐ 4. Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ 5. Moderately oppose
- ☐ 6. Strongly oppose
- ☐ 7. Don't know

117. Do you agree or disagree that costs for managing fish and wildlife should be paid for with specific user fees, such as hunting and fishing licenses.
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
USERFEES 11:4
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 117)
- ☐ 2. Strongly agree
- ☐ 3. Moderately agree
- ☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5. Moderately disagree
- ☐ 6. Strongly disagree
- ☐ 7. Don't know

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118. Would you support or oppose the use of general state tax revenues to provide information on fish and wildlife matters? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

GENTAX 11:5

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 118)
- ☐ 2. Strongly support
- ☐ 3. Moderately support
- ☐ 4. Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ 5. Moderately oppose
- ☐ 6. Strongly oppose
- ☐ 7. Don't know

119. Now I'd like you to rate the #6 in each of the following areas. For each area, please tell me if the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job.

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PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE

IF (#4 = 10 AND #5 = 1) GO TO #120

IF (#4 = 10 AND #5 = 2) GO TO #130

SKIP TO QUESTION 140

120. RANDOMIZATION FOR AGENCY EFFECTIVENESS

JOBRPFBC 11:6

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Q1 (GO TO QUESTION 121)
- ☐ 2. Q2 (GO TO QUESTION 122)
- ☐ 3. Q3 (GO TO QUESTION 123)
- ☐ 4. Q4 (GO TO QUESTION 124)
- ☐ 5. Q5 (GO TO QUESTION 125)
- ☐ 6. Q6 (GO TO QUESTION 126)
- ☐ 7. Q7 (GO TO QUESTION 127)
- ☐ 8. Q8 (GO TO QUESTION 128)
- ☐ 9. Q9 (GO TO QUESTION 129)

SKIP TO QUESTION 152

121. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of protecting endangered species?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

TNEJPF 11:7

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 121)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#120 = 2) GO TO #152

122. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of restoring native fish species to the state?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

NATIVJPF 11:8

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 122)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#120 = 3) GO TO #152

123. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of managing fish populations?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

FISHJPF 11:9

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 123)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#120 = 4) GO TO #152

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124. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of protecting citizens against diseases from fish? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

CTZNJPF 11:10

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 124)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#120 = 5) GO TO #152

125. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of providing opportunities for the general public to view wildlife? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

VIEWJPF 11:11

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 125)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#120 = 6) GO TO #152

126. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of providing recreational fishing opportunities? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

FISHNJPF 11:12

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 126)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#120 = 7) GO TO #152

127. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of providing educational programs regarding fisheries? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

EDJPF 11:13

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 127)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#120 = 8) GO TO #152

128. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of enforcing fish laws?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

LAWJPF 11:14

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 128)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#120 = 9) GO TO #152

129. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of protecting and preserving fisheries habitat?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

HABJPF 11:15

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 129)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#120 = 1) GO TO #152

SKIP TO QUESTION 121

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130. RANDOMIZATION FOR AGENCY EFFECTIVENESS

JOBRPGC 11:16

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Q1 (GO TO QUESTION 131)
- ☐ 2. Q2 (GO TO QUESTION 132)
- ☐ 3. Q3 (GO TO QUESTION 133)
- ☐ 4. Q4 (GO TO QUESTION 134)
- ☐ 5. Q5 (GO TO QUESTION 135)
- ☐ 6. Q6 (GO TO QUESTION 136)
- ☐ 7. Q7 (GO TO QUESTION 137)
- ☐ 8. Q8 (GO TO QUESTION 138)
- ☐ 9. Q9 (GO TO QUESTION 139)

SKIP TO QUESTION 152

131. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of protecting endangered species?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

TNEJPG 11:17

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 131)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#130 = 2) GO TO #152

132. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of restoring native wildlife species to the state?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

NATIVJPG 11:18

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 132)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#130 = 3) GO TO #152

133. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of managing wildlife populations?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

WILDJPG 11:19

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 133)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#130 = 4) GO TO #152

134. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of protecting citizens against diseases from animals such as lyme disease and rabies?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

CTZNJPG 11:20

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 134)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#130 = 5) GO TO #152

135. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of providing opportunities for the general public to view wildlife? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

VIEWJPG 11:21

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 135)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#130 = 6) GO TO #152

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136. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of providing hunting opportunities?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

HUNTNPJG 11:22

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 136)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#130 = 7) GO TO #152

137. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of providing educational programs regarding wildlife? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

EDJPG 11:23

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 137)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#130 = 8) GO TO #152

138. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of enforcing game laws?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

LAWJPG 11:24

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 138)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#130 = 9) GO TO #152

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139. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair,
or poor job of protecting and preserving wildlife habitat?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

HABJPG 11:25

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 139)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#130 = 1) GO TO #152

SKIP TO QUESTION 131

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140. RANDOMIZATION FOR AGENCY EFFECTIVENESS

JOBRAND 11:26-27

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Q1 (GO TO QUESTION 141)
- ☐ 2. Q2 (GO TO QUESTION 142)
- ☐ 3. Q3 (GO TO QUESTION 143)
- ☐ 4. Q4 (GO TO QUESTION 144)
- ☐ 5. Q5 (GO TO QUESTION 145)
- ☐ 6. Q6 (GO TO QUESTION 146)
- ☐ 7. Q7 (GO TO QUESTION 147)
- ☐ 8. Q8 (GO TO QUESTION 148)
- ☐ 9. Q9 (GO TO QUESTION 149)
- ☐ 10. Q10 (GO TO QUESTION 150)
- ☐ 11. Q11 (GO TO QUESTION 151)

SKIP TO QUESTION 152

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141. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of protecting endangered species?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

TNEJOB 11:28

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 141)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#140 = 2) GO TO #152

142. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of restoring native fish and wildlife species to the state? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

NATIVJOB 11:29

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 142)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#140 = 3) GO TO #152

143. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of managing fish populations?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

FISHJOB 11:30

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 143)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#140 = 4) GO TO #152

144. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of managing wildlife populations?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

WILDJOB 11:31

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 144)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#140 = 5) GO TO #152

145. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of protecting citizens against diseases from animals such as lyme disease and rabies?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

CTZNJOB 11:32

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 145)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#140 = 6) GO TO #152

146. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of providing opportunities for the general public to view wildlife? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

VIEWJOB 11:33

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 146)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#140 = 7) GO TO #152

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147. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of providing recreational fishing opportunities?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

FISHNJOB 11:34

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 147)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#140 = 8) GO TO #152

148. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of providing hunting opportunities?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

HUNTJOB 11:35

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 148)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#140 = 9) GO TO #152

149. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of providing educational programs regarding fish and wildlife? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

EDJOB 11:36

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 149)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#140 = 10) GO TO #152

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150. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of enforcing fish and game laws?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

LAWJOB 11:37

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 150)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#140 = 11) GO TO #152

151. Would you say the agency is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of protecting and preserving wildlife habitat?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

HABJOB 11:38

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 151)
- ☐ 2. Excellent
- ☐ 3. Good
- ☐ 4. Fair
- ☐ 5. Poor
- ☐ 6. Don't know

IF (#140 = 1) GO TO #152

SKIP TO QUESTION 141

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253. In general, where do you look for information on fish, wildlife, hunting, angling, wildlife watching or other forms of outdoor recreation? (PROBE where else do you look?)

(DNR LIST; CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

GETINF 30:49-63

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ 1. Direct mail
- ☐ 2. Division web site
- ☐ 3. Internet / WWW (Other than Division web site)
- ☐ 4. Newspapers
- ☐ 5. TV
- ☐ 6. Radio
- ☐ 7. Magazines
- ☐ 8. Freshwater fishing digest
- ☐ 9. Division offices
- ☐ 10. Game Warden/Conservation Officer
- ☐ 11. License agent / Sporting goods store
- ☐ 12. Rod and gun club
- ☐ 13. Fishing organizations
- ☐ 14. Don't know
- ☐ 15. Other (GO TO QUESTION 254)

IF (#253 = 0) GO TO #252

IF (#4 = 10 AND #5 = 1) GO TO #255

IF (#4 = 10 AND #5 = 2) GO TO #266

SKIP TO QUESTION 277

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254. ENTER OTHER SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

GETINFST 31:1-240

IF (#4 = 10 AND #5 = 1) GO TO #255

IF (#4 = 10 AND #5 = 2) GO TO #266

SKIP TO QUESTION 277

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255. Now I'm going to read a list of sources of information on fisheries and outdoor recreation, and I'd like to know if you think each information source is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible as a source of information on fisheries and outdoor recreation?

CREDIBPF

PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE

256. RANDOMIZATION FOR CREDIBILITY OF AGENCIES

CREDPFBC 31:241

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Q1 (GO TO QUESTION 257)
- ☐ 2. Q2 (GO TO QUESTION 258)
- ☐ 3. Q3 (GO TO QUESTION 259)
- ☐ 4. Q4 (GO TO QUESTION 260)
- ☐ 5. Q5 (GO TO QUESTION 261)
- ☐ 6. Q6 (GO TO QUESTION 262)
- ☐ 7. Q7 (GO TO QUESTION 263)
- ☐ 8. Q8 (GO TO QUESTION 264)
- ☐ 9. Q9 (GO TO QUESTION 265)

SKIP TO QUESTION 288

257. Do you think a biologist with the

#6 is very

credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible?

(IMPORTANT: As a source of information on fisheries and outdoor recreation)

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

FANDWSPF 31:242

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 257)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#256 = 2) GO TO #288

258. Do you think a biologist from the State Department of Environmental Protection is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible?

(IMPORTANT: As a source of information on fisheries and outdoor recreation)

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

DEPSPF 31:243

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 258)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#256 = 3) GO TO #288

259. Do you think a biologist from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all

(IMPORTANT: As a source of information on fisheries and outdoor recreation)

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

FWSSPF 31:244

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 259)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#256 = 4) GO TO #288

260. Do you think a professor of environmental science or biology at #7 is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on fisheries and outdoor recreation)
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
EDUSPF 31:245
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 260)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#256 = 5) GO TO #288

261. Do you think a spokesperson from the National Wildlife Federation is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on fisheries and outdoor recreation)
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
NPF 31:246
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 261)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#256 = 6) GO TO #288

262. Do you think a spokesperson from The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on fisheries and outdoor recreation)
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
ASPPF 31:247
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 262)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#256 = 7) GO TO #288

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263. Do you think a spokesperson from a local environmental organization is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on fisheries and outdoor recreation)
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
ENVOPF 31:248
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 263)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#256 = 8) GO TO #288

264. Do you think a #6
#9 is very credible, somewhat credible,
or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of
information on fisheries and outdoor recreation)
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
WARDPF 31:249
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 264)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#256 = 9) GO TO #288

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265. Do you think a spokesperson from a local sportsmen's organization is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on fisheries and outdoor recreation) (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
SPORTOPF 31:250
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 265)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#256 = 1) GO TO #288

SKIP TO QUESTION 257

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266. Now I'm going to read a list of sources of information on wildlife and outdoor recreation, and I'd like to know if you think each information source is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible as a source of information on wildlife and outdoor recreation?

CREDIBPG

PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE

267. RANDOMIZATION FOR CREDIBILITY OF AGENCIES

CREDPGC 32:1

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Q1 (GO TO QUESTION 268)
- ☐ 2. Q2 (GO TO QUESTION 269)
- ☐ 3. Q3 (GO TO QUESTION 270)
- ☐ 4. Q4 (GO TO QUESTION 271)
- ☐ 5. Q5 (GO TO QUESTION 272)
- ☐ 6. Q6 (GO TO QUESTION 273)
- ☐ 7. Q7 (GO TO QUESTION 274)
- ☐ 8. Q8 (GO TO QUESTION 275)
- ☐ 9. Q9 (GO TO QUESTION 276)

SKIP TO QUESTION 288

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268. Do you think a biologist with the

#6 is very

credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible?

(IMPORTANT: As a source of information on wildlife
and outdoor recreation)

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

FANDWSPG 32:2

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 268)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#267 = 2) GO TO #288

269. Do you think a biologist from the State Department of

Environmental Protection is very credible, somewhat
credible, or not at all credible?

(IMPORTANT: As a source of information on wildlife
and outdoor recreation)

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

DEPSPG 32:3

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 269)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#267 = 3) GO TO #288

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270. Do you think a biologist from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on wildlife and outdoor recreation) (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE) FWSSPG 32:4 (CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 270)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#267 = 4) GO TO #288

271. Do you think a professor of environmental science or biology at #7 is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on wildlife and outdoor recreation) (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE) EDUSPG 32:5 (CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 271)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#267 = 5) GO TO #288

272. Do you think a spokesperson from the National Wildlife Federation is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on wildlife and outdoor recreation) (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE) NPG 32:6 (CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 272)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#267 = 6) GO TO #288

273. Do you think a spokesperson from The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on wildlife and outdoor recreation)
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

ASPPG 32:7

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 273)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#267 = 7) GO TO #288

274. Do you think a spokesperson from a local environmental organization is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on wildlife and outdoor recreation)
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

ENVOPG 32:8

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 274)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#267 = 8) GO TO #288

275. Do you think a #6 #9 is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on wildlife and outdoor recreation)
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

WARDPG 32:9

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 275)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#267 = 9) GO TO #288

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276. Do you think a spokesperson from a local sportsmen's organization is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on wildlife and outdoor recreation) (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
SPORTOPG 32:10
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 276)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#267 = 1) GO TO #288

SKIP TO QUESTION 268

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277. Now I'm going to read a list of sources of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation, and I'd like to know if you think each information source is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible as a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation?

CREDIBLE

PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE

278. RANDOMIZATION FOR CREDIBILITY OF AGENCIES
CREDRAND 32:11

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Q1 (GO TO QUESTION 279)
- ☐ 2. Q2 (GO TO QUESTION 280)
- ☐ 3. Q3 (GO TO QUESTION 281)
- ☐ 4. Q4 (GO TO QUESTION 282)
- ☐ 5. Q5 (GO TO QUESTION 283)
- ☐ 6. Q6 (GO TO QUESTION 284)
- ☐ 7. Q7 (GO TO QUESTION 285)
- ☐ 8. Q8 (GO TO QUESTION 286)
- ☐ 9. Q9 (GO TO QUESTION 287)

SKIP TO QUESTION 288

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279. Do you think a biologist with the

#6 is very

credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible?

(IMPORTANT: As a source of information on fish and
wildlife and outdoor recreation)

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

FANDWSI 32:12

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 279)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#278 = 2) GO TO #288

280. Do you think a biologist from the State Department of

Environmental Protection is very credible, somewhat
credible, or not at all credible?(IMPORTANT: As a source of information on fish and
wildlife and outdoor recreation)

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

DEPSCI 32:13

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 280)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#278 = 3) GO TO #288

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281. Do you think a biologist from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation)
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
FWSSCI 32:14
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 281)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#278 = 4) GO TO #288

282. Do you think a professor of environmental science or biology at #7 is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation)
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
EDUSCI 32:15
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 282)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#278 = 5) GO TO #288

283. Do you think a spokesperson from the National Wildlife Federation is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation)
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
NWF 32:16
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 283)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#278 = 6) GO TO #288

284. Do you think a spokesperson from The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation)

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

ASPCA 32:17

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 284)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#278 = 7) GO TO #288

285. Do you think a spokesperson from a local environmental organization is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation)

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

ENVORG 32:18

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 285)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#278 = 8) GO TO #288

286. Do you think a #6

#9 is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation)

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

WARDEN 32:19

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 286)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#278 = 9) GO TO #288

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287. Do you think a spokesperson from a local sportsmen's organization is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible? (IMPORTANT: As a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation)
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)
SPORTORG 32:20
(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 287)
- ☐ 2. Very credible
- ☐ 3. Somewhat credible
- ☐ 4. Not at all credible
- ☐ 5. Don't know

IF (#278 = 1) GO TO #288

SKIP TO QUESTION 279

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288. Now I'd like to ask you some questions about your opinions on fish and wildlife and natural resources. I'm going to read several statements, and I'd like to know if you agree or disagree with each one.

WILDOP

PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE

289. RANDOMIZATION FOR WILDLIFE VALUES.

WLDOPRND 32:21

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Q1 (GO TO QUESTION 290)
- ☐ 2. Q2 (GO TO QUESTION 291)
- ☐ 3. Q3 (GO TO QUESTION 292)
- ☐ 4. Q4 (GO TO QUESTION 293)
- ☐ 5. Q5 (GO TO QUESTION 294)
- ☐ 6. Q6 (GO TO QUESTION 295)

SKIP TO QUESTION 296

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290. Hunting and fishing are part of scientific management of healthy fish and wildlife populations. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

SCIMGMT 32:22

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 290)
- ☐ 2. Strongly agree
- ☐ 3. Moderately agree
- ☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5. Moderately disagree
- ☐ 6. Strongly disagree
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#289 = 2) GO TO #296

291. The use and development of land should be restricted to protect fish and wildlife. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

LANDUSE 32:23

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 291)
- ☐ 2. Strongly agree
- ☐ 3. Moderately agree
- ☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5. Moderately disagree
- ☐ 6. Strongly disagree
- ☐ 7. Don't now

IF (#289 = 3) GO TO #296

292. Landowners should be allowed to develop their land regardless of its impact on wildlife. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

DEVLAND 32:24

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 292)
- ☐ 2. Strongly agree
- ☐ 3. Moderately agree
- ☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5. Moderately disagree
- ☐ 6. Strongly disagree
- ☐ 7. Don't now

IF (#289 = 4) GO TO #296

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293. I can make a significant difference in protecting fish and wildlife habitat. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

DFFRNC 32:25

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 293)
- ☐ 2. Strongly agree
- ☐ 3. Moderately agree
- ☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5. Moderately disagree
- ☐ 6. Strongly disagree
- ☐ 7. Don't now

IF (#289 = 5) GO TO #296

294. I feel that efforts to preserve wildlife habitat in #4 are adequate. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

EFFORTS 32:26

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 294)
- ☐ 2. Strongly agree
- ☐ 3. Moderately agree
- ☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5. Moderately disagree
- ☐ 6. Strongly disagree
- ☐ 7. Don't now

IF (#289 = 6) GO TO #296

295. If it came down to a choice between preserving wildlife habitat or providing land for new homes, we should always side with providing new homes for the residents of our state. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

NEWHOMES 32:27

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 295)
- ☐ 2. Strongly agree
- ☐ 3. Moderately agree
- ☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5. Moderately disagree
- ☐ 6. Strongly disagree
- ☐ 7. Don't now

IF (#289 = 1) GO TO #296

SKIP TO QUESTION 290

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296. RANDOMIZATION FOR HUNTING/FISHING/TRAPPING

OPRAND 32:28

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Hunting (GO TO QUESTION 297)
- ☐ 2. Fishing (GO TO QUESTION 298)
- ☐ 3. Trapping (GO TO QUESTION 299)

SKIP TO QUESTION 300

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297. In general, do you approve or disapprove of legal hunting?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

HUNTOP 32:29

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 297)
- ☐ 2. Strongly approve
- ☐ 3. Moderately approve
- ☐ 4. Neither approve nor disapprove
- ☐ 5. Moderately disapprove
- ☐ 6. Strongly disapprove
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#296 = 2) GO TO #300

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298. In general, do you approve or disapprove of legal recreational fishing? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

FISHOP 32:30

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 298)
- ☐ 2. Strongly approve
- ☐ 3. Moderately approve
- ☐ 4. Neither approve nor disapprove
- ☐ 5. Moderately disapprove
- ☐ 6. Strongly disapprove
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#296 = 3) GO TO #300

299. In general, do you approve or disapprove of regulated trapping?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

TRAPOP 32:31

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 299)
- ☐ 2. Strongly approve
- ☐ 3. Moderately approve
- ☐ 4. Neither approve nor disapprove
- ☐ 5. Moderately disapprove
- ☐ 6. Strongly disapprove
- ☐ 7. Don't know

IF (#296 = 1) GO TO #300

SKIP TO QUESTION 297

300. Have you ever contacted the

#6

for information or assistance?

CONTACT 32:32

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 300)
- ☐ 2. Yes
- ☐ 3. No (GO TO QUESTION 314)
- ☐ 4. Don't know (GO TO QUESTION 314)

SKIP TO QUESTION 302

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301. YOU DID NOT USE
YOUR SPACE BAR

NOSPAC97

PRESS ENTER TO TRY AGAIN

302. How did you contact #6?

(DNR LIST; CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

CNTCT 32:33-37

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ 1. In-person☐ 2. Mail☐ 3. Telephone☐ 4. E-mail or internet☐ 5. OTHER (SPECIFY) (GO TO QUESTION 303)

IF (#302 = 0) GO TO #301

SKIP TO QUESTION 305

303. ENTER OTHER METHOD OF CONTACT.

CNTCTST 33:1-240

SKIP TO QUESTION 305

304. YOU DID NOT USE
YOUR SPACE BAR

NOSPAC98

PRESS ENTER TO TRY AGAIN

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305. What type of assistance or information were you seeking?

(DNR LIST; CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

WHTINF 34:1-11

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ 1. Information about hunting: places to hunt, hunting season
- ☐ 2. Information about fishing: places to fish, fishing season
- ☐ 3. Hunting license information, application
- ☐ 4. Fishing license information, application
- ☐ 5. Information about viewing wildlife: locations, opportunities
- ☐ 6. Information in general about the wildlife in the state
- ☐ 7. Protecting fish and wildlife or fish and wildlife habitat
- ☐ 8. Information about nuisance wildlife
- ☐ 9. Nuisance wildlife removal
- ☐ 10. Reporting a fish or wildlife violation
- ☐ 11. Other (SPECIFY) (GO TO QUESTION 306)

IF (#305 = 0) GO TO #304

SKIP TO QUESTION 307

306. ENTER OTHER TYPE OF ASSISTANCE OR INFORMATION.

WHTINFST 35:1-240

307. Overall, would you say you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the contact with #6?

SATCNTCT 35:241

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 307)
- ☐ 2. Very satisfied (GO TO QUESTION 309)
- ☐ 3. Somewhat satisfied (GO TO QUESTION 309)
- ☐ 4. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ 5. Somewhat dissatisfied (GO TO QUESTION 312)
- ☐ 6. Very dissatisfied (GO TO QUESTION 312)
- ☐ 7. Don't know

SKIP TO QUESTION 314

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308. YOU DID NOT USE
YOUR SPACE BAR

NOSPAC92

PRESS ENTER TO TRY AGAIN

309. What are your reasons for being satisfied with this contact?

(DNR LIST; CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

WHYSAT 35:242-246

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ 1. Received the information I needed☐ 2. Agency employees were friendly☐ 3. Agency employees were helpful☐ 4. Don't know☐ 5. Other (GO TO QUESTION 310)

IF (#309 = 0) GO TO #308

SKIP TO QUESTION 314

310. ENTER OTHER REASON FOR SATISFACTION.

WHYSATST 36:1-240

SKIP TO QUESTION 314

311. YOU DID NOT USE
YOUR SPACE BAR

NOSPAC91

PRESS ENTER TO TRY AGAIN

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312. What are your reasons for being dissatisfied with this contact?

(DNR LIST; CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

WHYDIS 36:241-245

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ 1. Did not receive the information I needed
☐ 2. Agency employees were not friendly
☐ 3. Agency employees were not helpful
☐ 4. Don't know
☐ 5. Other (GO TO QUESTION 313)

IF (#312 = 0) GO TO #311

SKIP TO QUESTION 314

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313. ENTER OTHER REASON FOR DISSATISFACTION.

WHYDISST 37:1-240

314. How likely are you to contact

#6 for information

or assistance in the future?

FUTURE 37:241

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 314)
☐ 2. Very likely
☐ 3. Somewhat likely
☐ 4. Not at all likely
☐ 5. Don't know

315. Do you consider yourself an angler or fisherman?

DOFISH 37:242

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 315)
☐ 2. Yes
☐ 3. No
☐ 4. Don't know

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316. In the past 5 years have you or any member of your household gone fishing in #4?

GOFISH 37:243

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 316)
- ☐ 2. Yes
- ☐ 3. No
- ☐ 4. Don't know

317. How long ago did you or any member of your household last go fishing? (READ LIST AS NECESSARY)

LASTFISH 37:244-245

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 317)
- ☐ 2. Within the last month
- ☐ 3. 1-6 months ago
- ☐ 4. 6-12 months ago
- ☐ 5. 1-2 years ago
- ☐ 6. 2-3 years ago
- ☐ 7. 3-4 years ago
- ☐ 8. 4-5 years ago
- ☐ 9. 5-6 years ago
- ☐ 10. 6-7 years ago
- ☐ 11. 7-8 years ago
- ☐ 12. 8-9 years ago
- ☐ 13. 9-10 years ago
- ☐ 14. 10 or more years ago
- ☐ 15. Don't know
- ☐ 16. Never

IF (#316 > 2) GO TO #319

318. About how many days did you fish in the past 5 years?
(Total of all 5 years) (ENTER ? FOR DON'T KNOW)

DAYSFISH 37:246-249

|||| days

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319. Do you consider yourself a hunter?

DOHUNT 37:250

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 319)
- ☐ 2. Yes (GO TO QUESTION 320)
- ☐ 3. No
- ☐ 4. Don't know

SKIP TO QUESTION 322

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320. Have you been waterfowl hunting in the past two years?

DUCKHUNT 38:1

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 320)
- ☐ 2. Yes (GO TO QUESTION 321)
- ☐ 3. No
- ☐ 4. Don't know

SKIP TO QUESTION 322

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321. Would you support or oppose an increase in the Federal duck

stamp from \$15 to \$20 if the increase was used to buy more

waterfowl habitat? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

DUCKSTMP 38:2

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 321)
- ☐ 2. Strongly support
- ☐ 3. Moderately support
- ☐ 4. Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ 5. Moderately oppose
- ☐ 6. Strongly oppose
- ☐ 7. Don't know

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322. In the past 5 years have you or any member of your household gone hunting in #4?

GOHUNT 38:3

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 322)
- ☐ 2. Yes
- ☐ 3. No
- ☐ 4. Don't know

323. How long ago did you or any member of your household last go hunting? (READ LIST AS NECESSARY)

LASTHUNT 38:4-5

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 323)
- ☐ 2. Within the last month
- ☐ 3. 1-6 months ago
- ☐ 4. 6-12 months ago
- ☐ 5. 1-2 years ago
- ☐ 6. 2-3 years ago
- ☐ 7. 3-4 years ago
- ☐ 8. 4-5 years ago
- ☐ 9. 5-6 years ago
- ☐ 10. 6-7 years ago
- ☐ 11. 7-8 years ago
- ☐ 12. 8-9 years ago
- ☐ 13. 9-10 years ago
- ☐ 14. 10 or more years ago
- ☐ 15. Don't know
- ☐ 16. Never

IF (#322 > 2) GO TO #325

324. About how many days did you go hunting in the past 5 years?
(Total of all 5 years) (ENTER ? FOR DON'T KNOW)

DAYSHUNT 38:6-9

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325. In the past 12 months have you or any member of your household gone out to observe wildlife in #4?

GOVIEW 38:10

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 325)
- ☐ 2. Yes
- ☐ 3. No (GO TO QUESTION 327)
- ☐ 4. Don't know (GO TO QUESTION 327)

326. About how many days did you go out to observe wildlife in the past 5 years? (Total of all 5 years)

(ENTER ? FOR DON'T KNOW)

DAYSVIEW 38:11-14

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327. Have you ever attended an educational program that dealt with fish and wildlife, such as a hunter safety class or a lecture at a state park?

ATTENDED 38:15

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 327)
- ☐ 2. Yes
- ☐ 3. No
- ☐ 4. Don't know

328. Great! We are just about through. The final questions are for background information and help us analyze the results.

DEMO

PLEASE PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE...

329. Do you consider your place of residence to be in a large city or urban area, a suburban area, a small city/town, or a rural area?

RESIDE 38:16

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 329)
- ☐ 2. Large city or urban area
- ☐ 3. Suburban area
- ☐ 4. Small city or town
- ☐ 5. Rural area
- ☐ 6. REFUSED

330. What is the total number of people living in your household, including yourself? (ENTER 88 FOR REFUSED)

NUMLIVE 38:17-18

331. How many children, age 17 or younger, do you have living in your household? (ENTER 88 FOR REFUSED)

NUMKIDS 38:19-20

332. Do you rent or own your current place of residence?

RENTOWN 38:21

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 332)
- ☐ 2. Rent
- ☐ 3. Own
- ☐ 4. REFUSED

333. For how many years have you lived in your community? (ENTER 888 FOR REFUSED)

YRSCOMM 38:22-24

334. For how many years have you lived in #4?

(ENTER 888 FOR REFUSED)

YRSSTATE 38:25-27

335. Would you say you access the Internet daily, sometimes, rarely, or never? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

WWWACC 38:28

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 335)
- ☐ 2. Daily
- ☐ 3. Sometimes
- ☐ 4. Rarely
- ☐ 5. Never
- ☐ 6. Don't know

336. Would you say you use email daily, sometimes, rarely, or never? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

EMAIL 38:29

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 336)
- ☐ 2. Daily
- ☐ 3. Sometimes
- ☐ 4. Rarely
- ☐ 5. Never
- ☐ 6. Don't know

337. What is your marital status?

STATUS 38:30

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 337)
- ☐ 2. Married
- ☐ 3. Single (never married)
- ☐ 4. Divorced
- ☐ 5. Widowed
- ☐ 6. REFUSED

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338. What is the highest grade level you have completed in school?

(READ LIST AS NECESSARY)

LEVED 38:31

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. (DNR: Invalid answer. Select another.) (GO TO QUESTION 338)
- ☐ 2. Grades 1 - 12, but no HS diploma
- ☐ 3. High school graduate or equivalent
- ☐ 4. Some college or trade school
- ☐ 5. College graduate
- ☐ 6. Graduate or professional degree
- ☐ 7. (DNR: REFUSED)

339. Which of these categories best describes your total household income before taxes last year?

(READ SCALE)

INCOME 38:32

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. (DNR: Invalid answer. Select another.) (GO TO QUESTION 339)
- ☐ 2. Less than \$20,000
- ☐ 3. \$20,000 to \$39,999
- ☐ 4. \$40,000 to \$59,999
- ☐ 5. \$60,000 to \$79,999
- ☐ 6. \$80,000 to \$99,999
- ☐ 7. \$100,000 or more
- ☐ 8. (DNR: DON'T KNOW)
- ☐ 9. (DNR: REFUSED)

340. And finally, may I ask your age?

(ENTER ? FOR DON'T KNOW; ENTER 888 FOR REFUSED)

AGE 38:33-35

LOWEST VALUE = 1

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341. That's the end of the questionnaire, thank you very much for your time and cooperation!

(ENTER ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS; IN FIRST PERSON; 240 CHARACTERS)

END 39:1-240

342. OBSERVE AND RECORD RESPONDENT'S GENDER

GENDER 39:241

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 342)
- ☐ 2. Don't know
- ☐ 3. Male
- ☐ 4. Female

343. TIME INTERVIEW WAS COMPLETED

ENDTIME 39:242-246

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344. Please enter your initials in LOWERCASE ONLY!

INTVRINT 39:247-249

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345. Enter the area code and telephone number of number dialed.

TELEPHON 40:1-10

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LOWEST VALUE = 1

346. SAVE OR ERASE INTERVIEW.

DO NOT ERASE A COMPLETED INTERVIEW!

FINISH 40:11

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- ☐ 1. Save answers (GO TO QUESTION 348)
- ☐ 2. Erase answers
- ☐ 3. Review answers (GO TO QUESTION 10)

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347. ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO ERASE THIS INTERVIEW?

ONLY ERASE IF: CB, AM, NA, BZ

MAKESURE 40:12

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

☐ 1. No, do not erase the answers (GO TO QUESTION 346)☐ 2. Yes, erase this interview

348. Date call was made

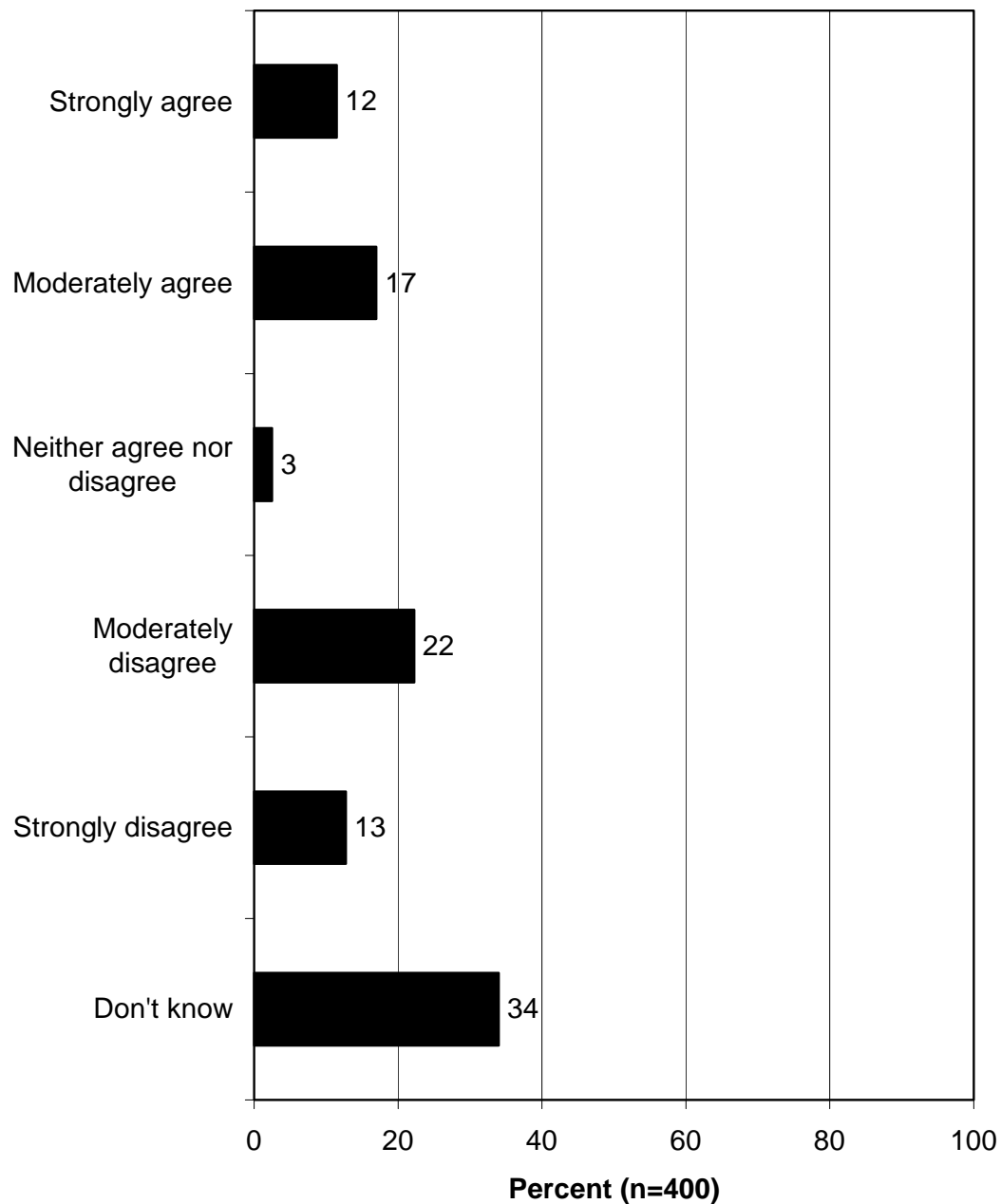
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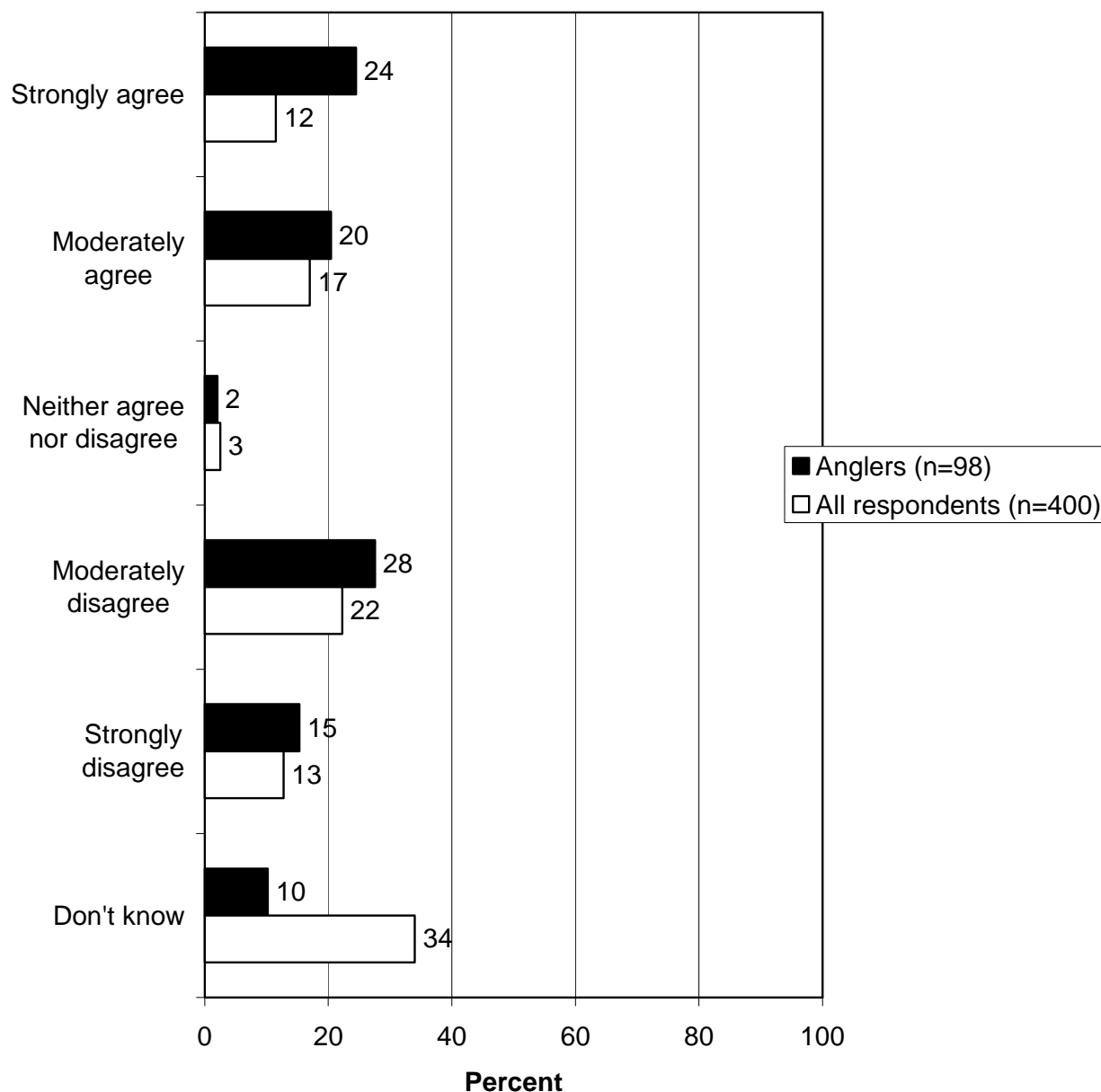
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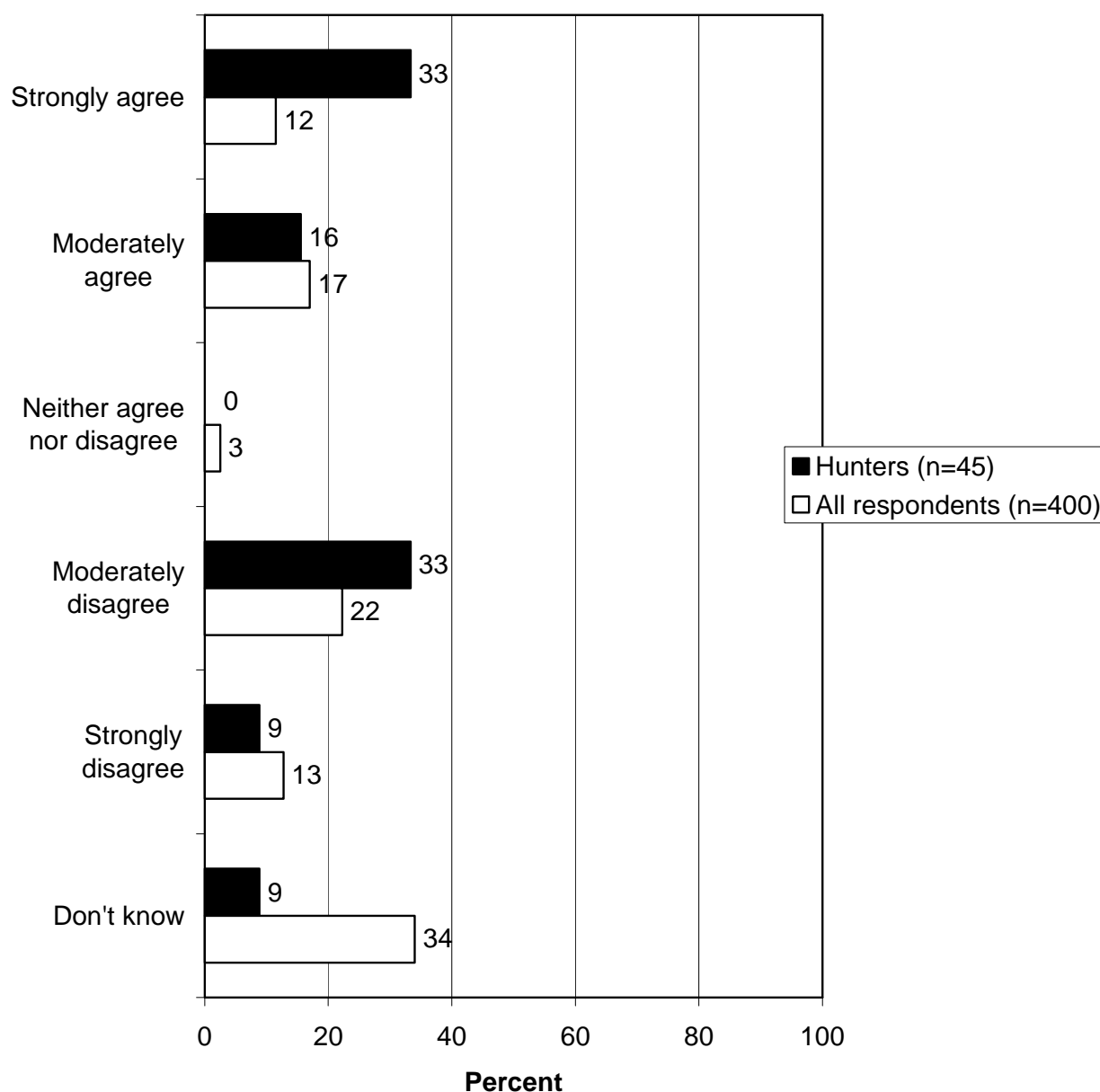
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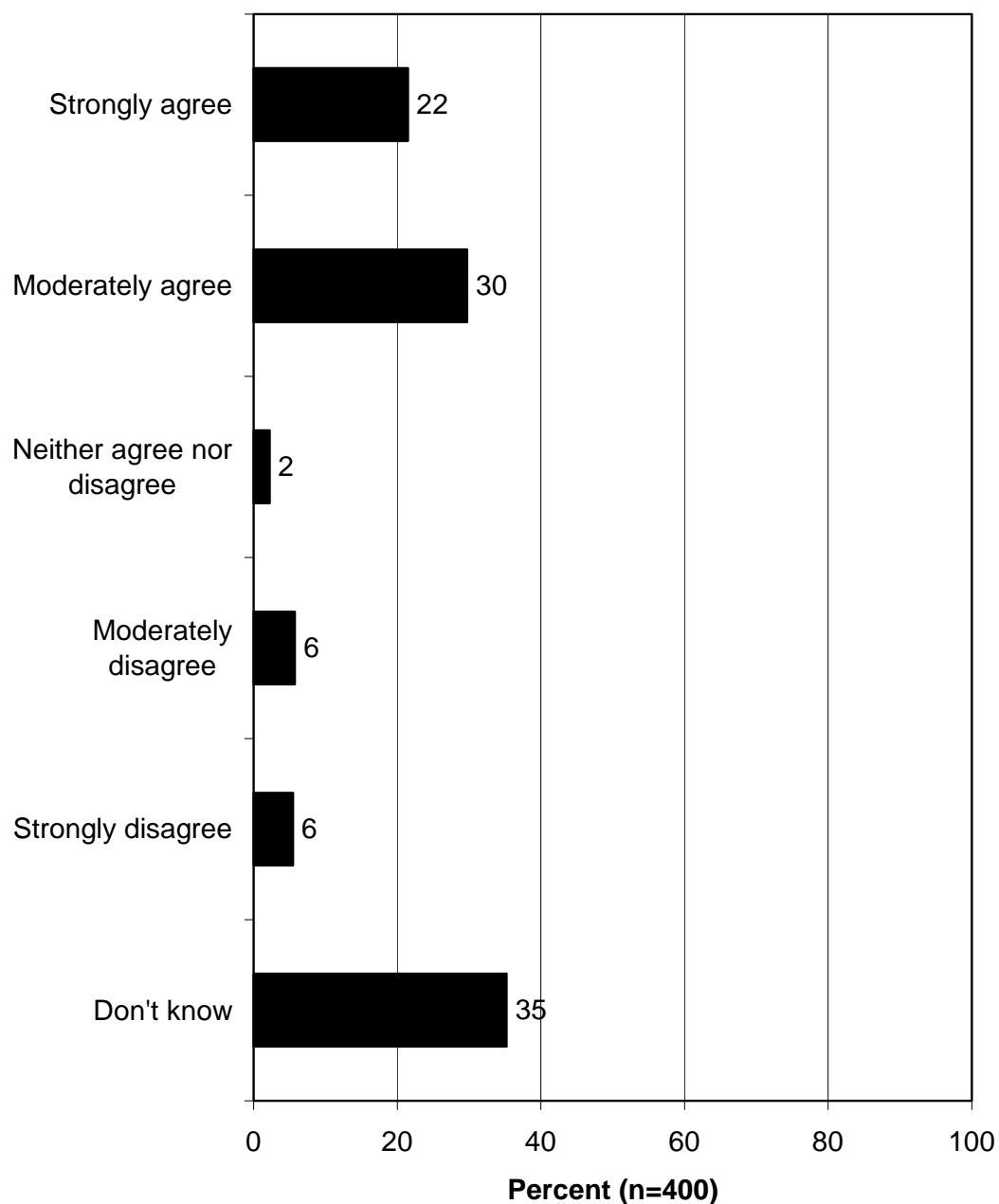
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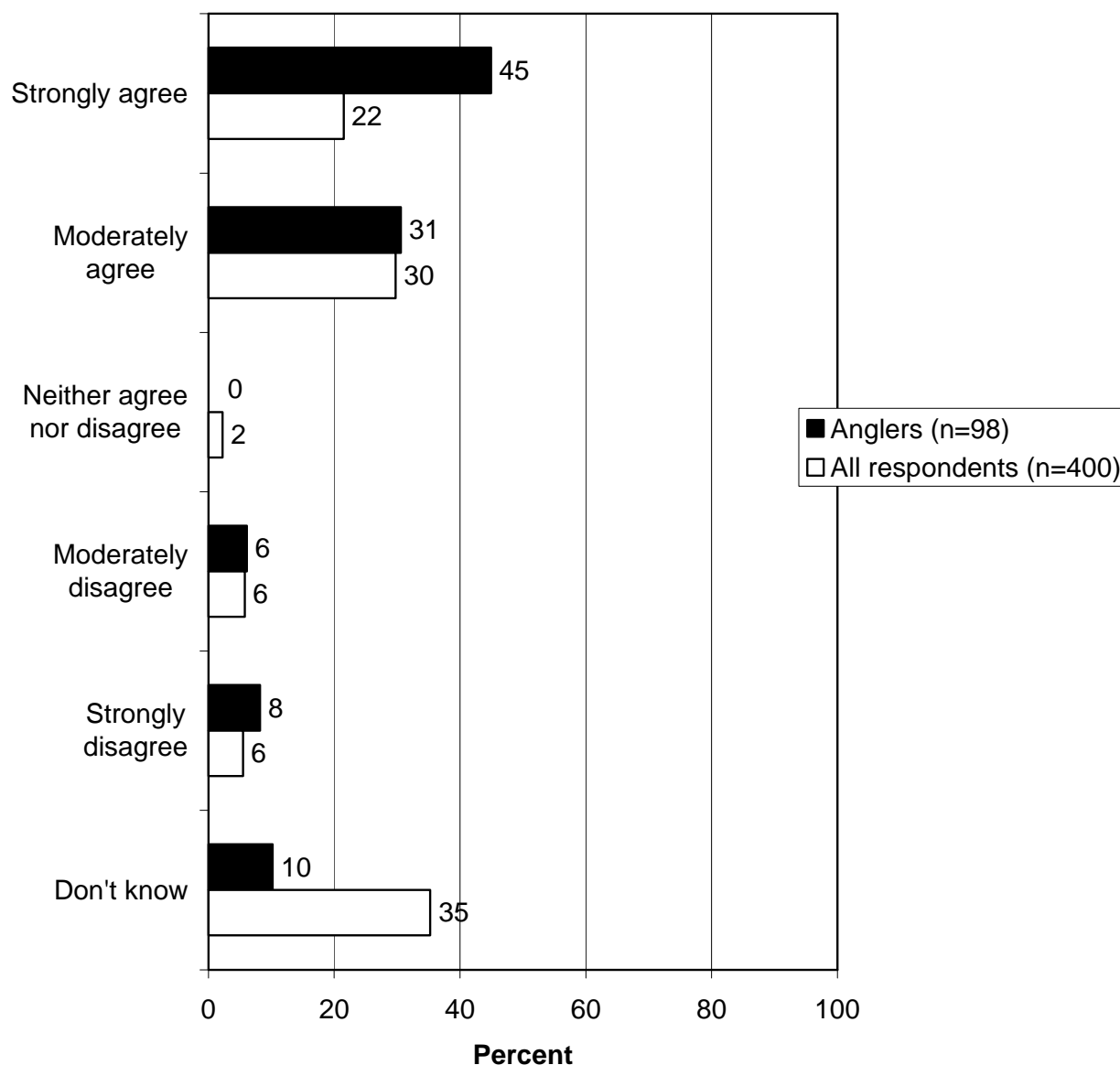
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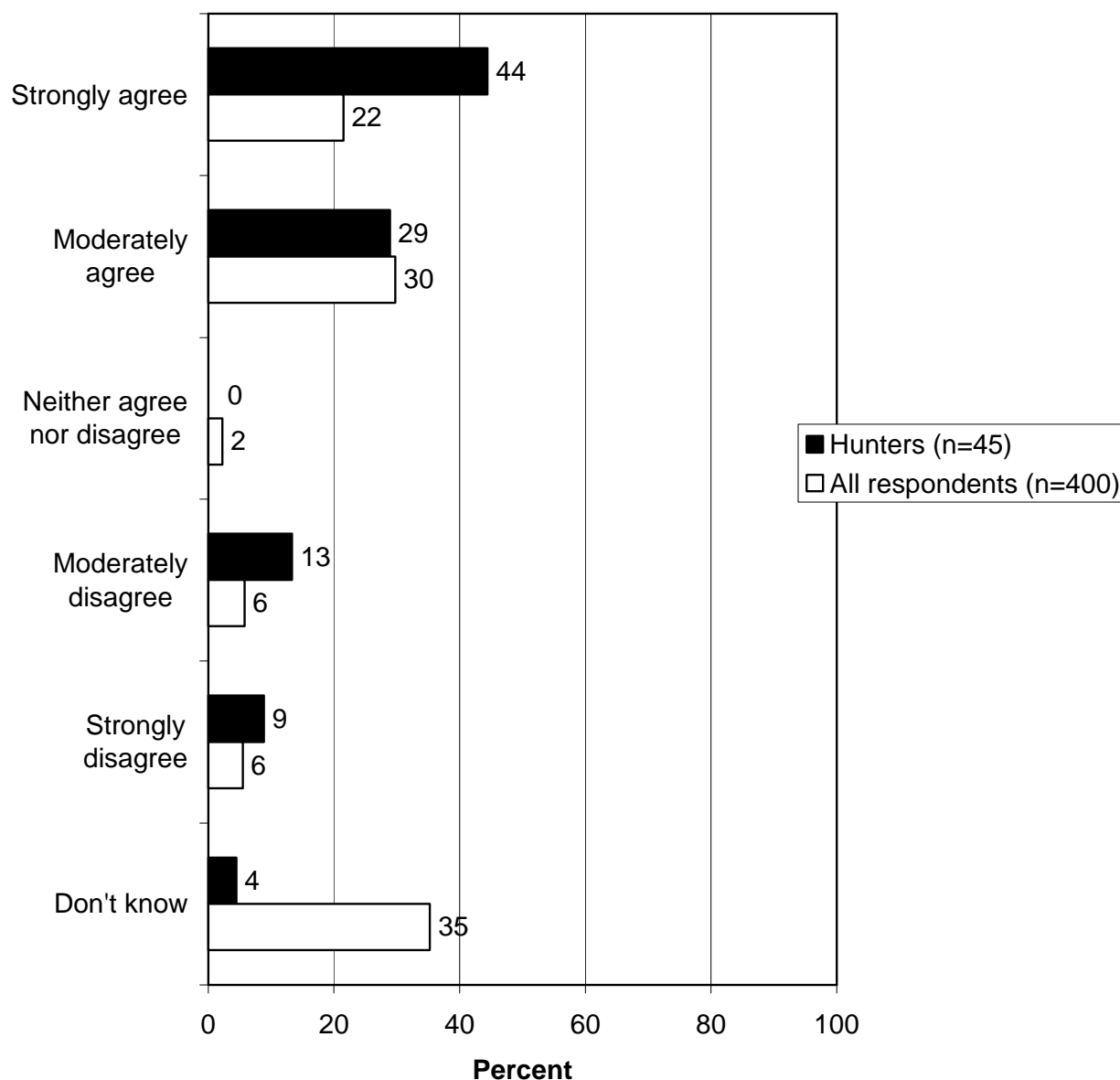
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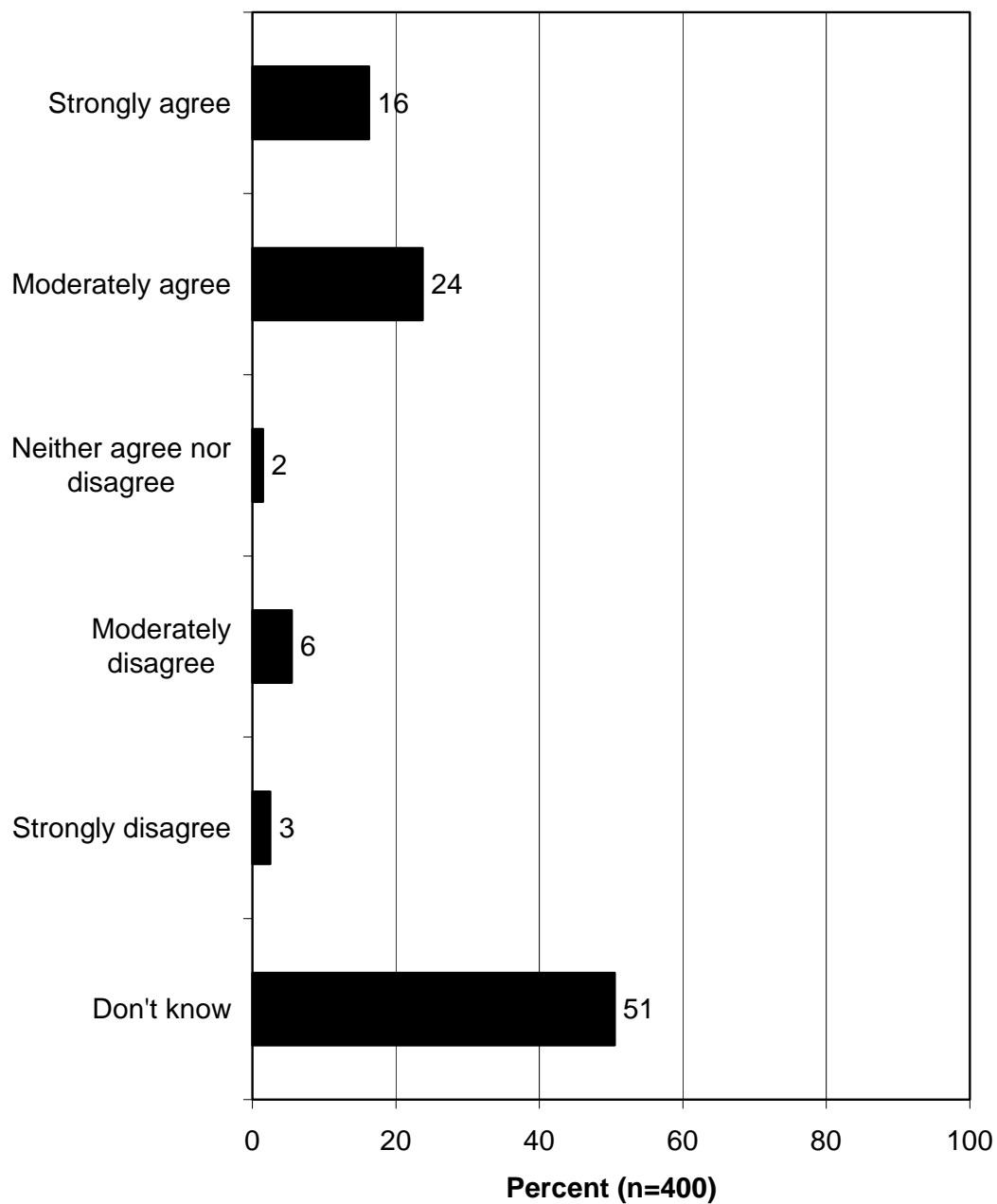
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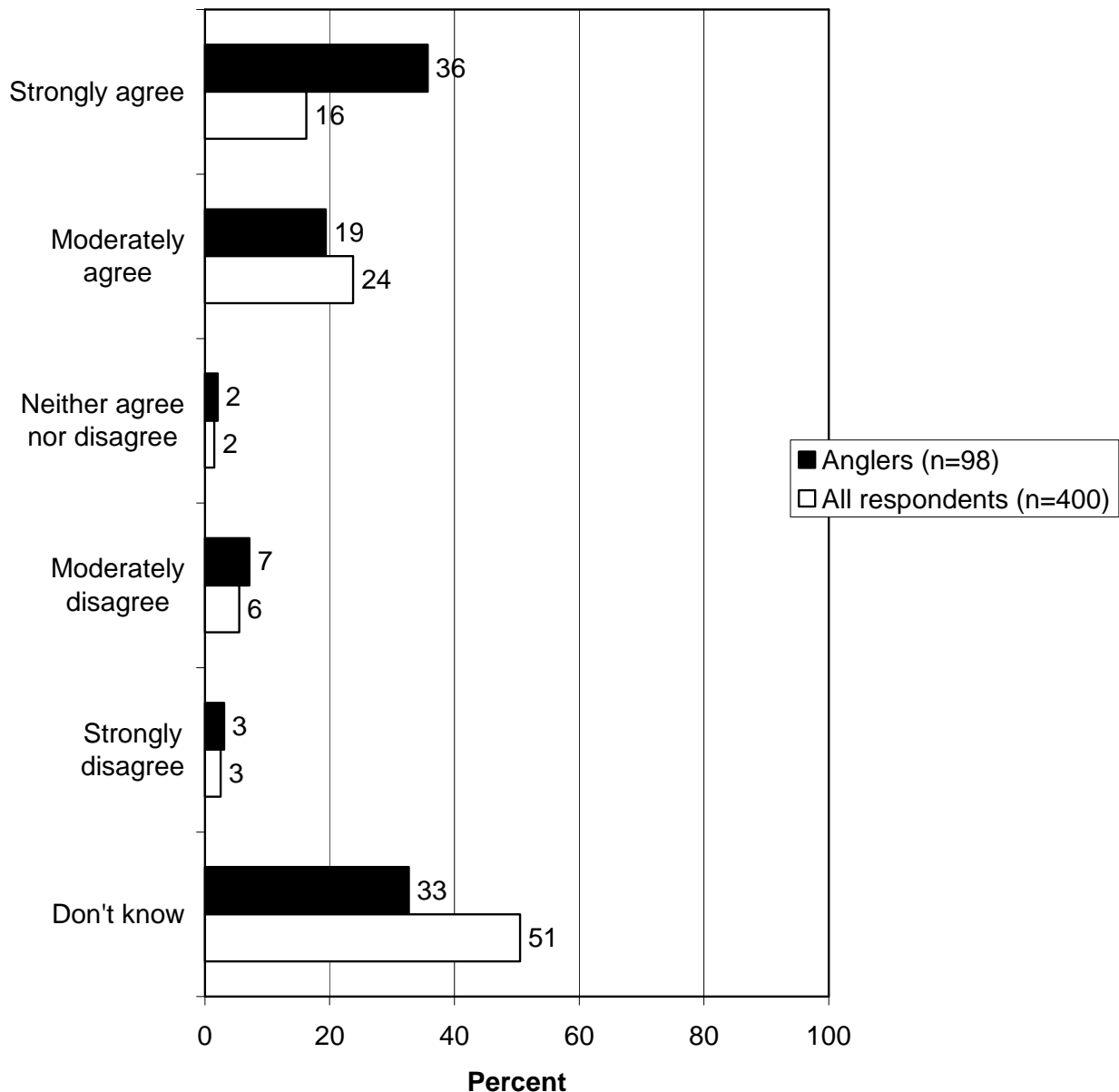
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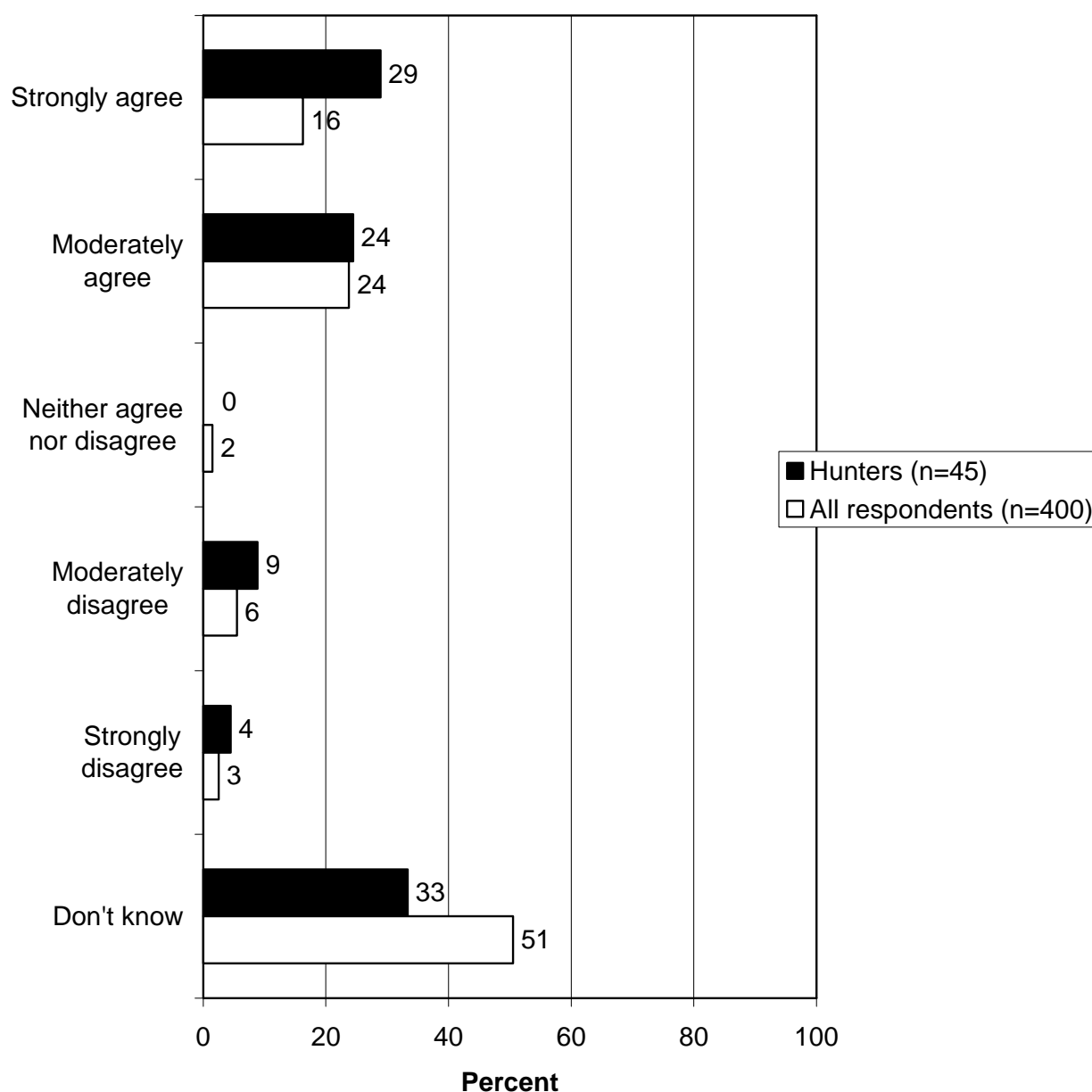
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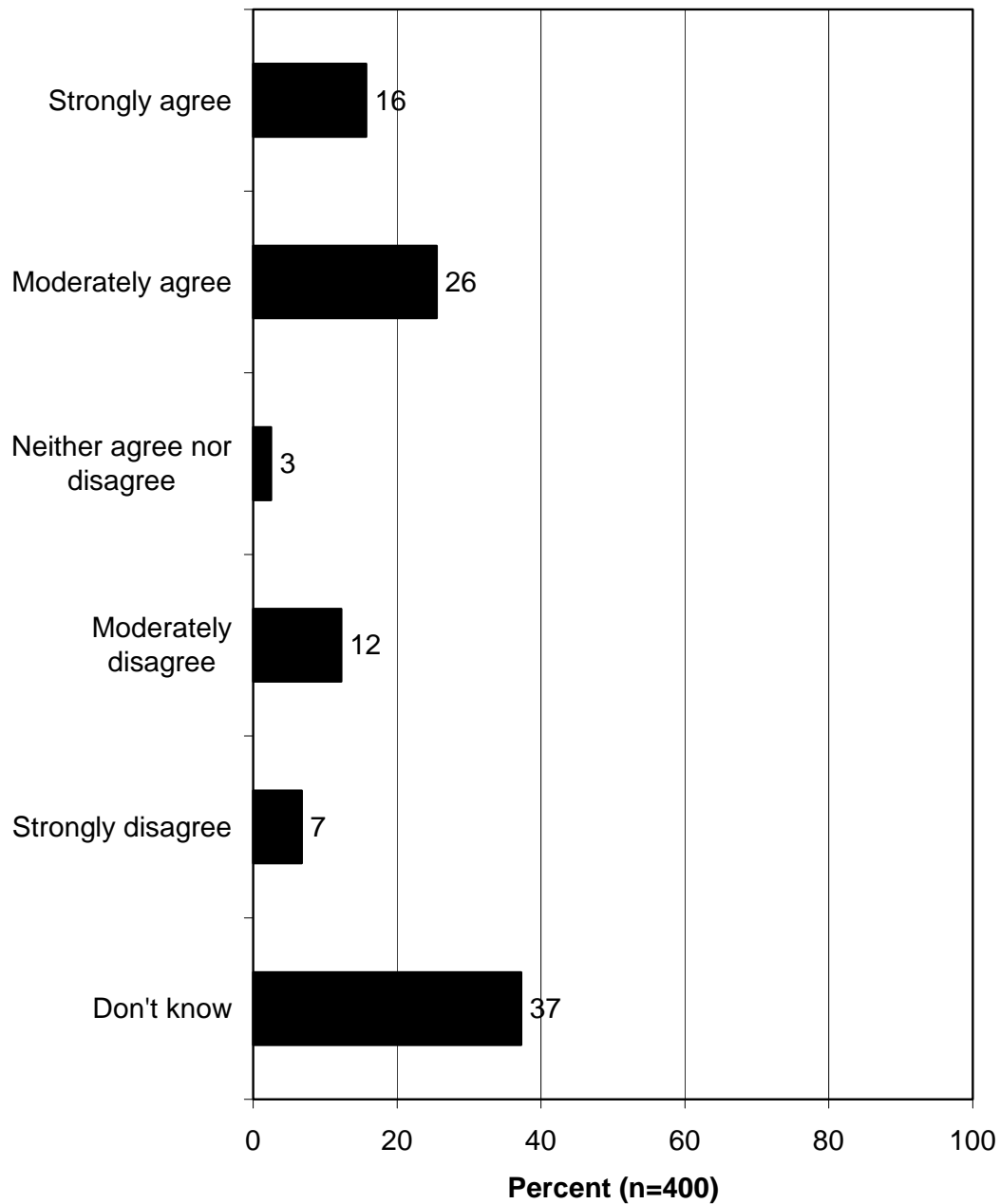
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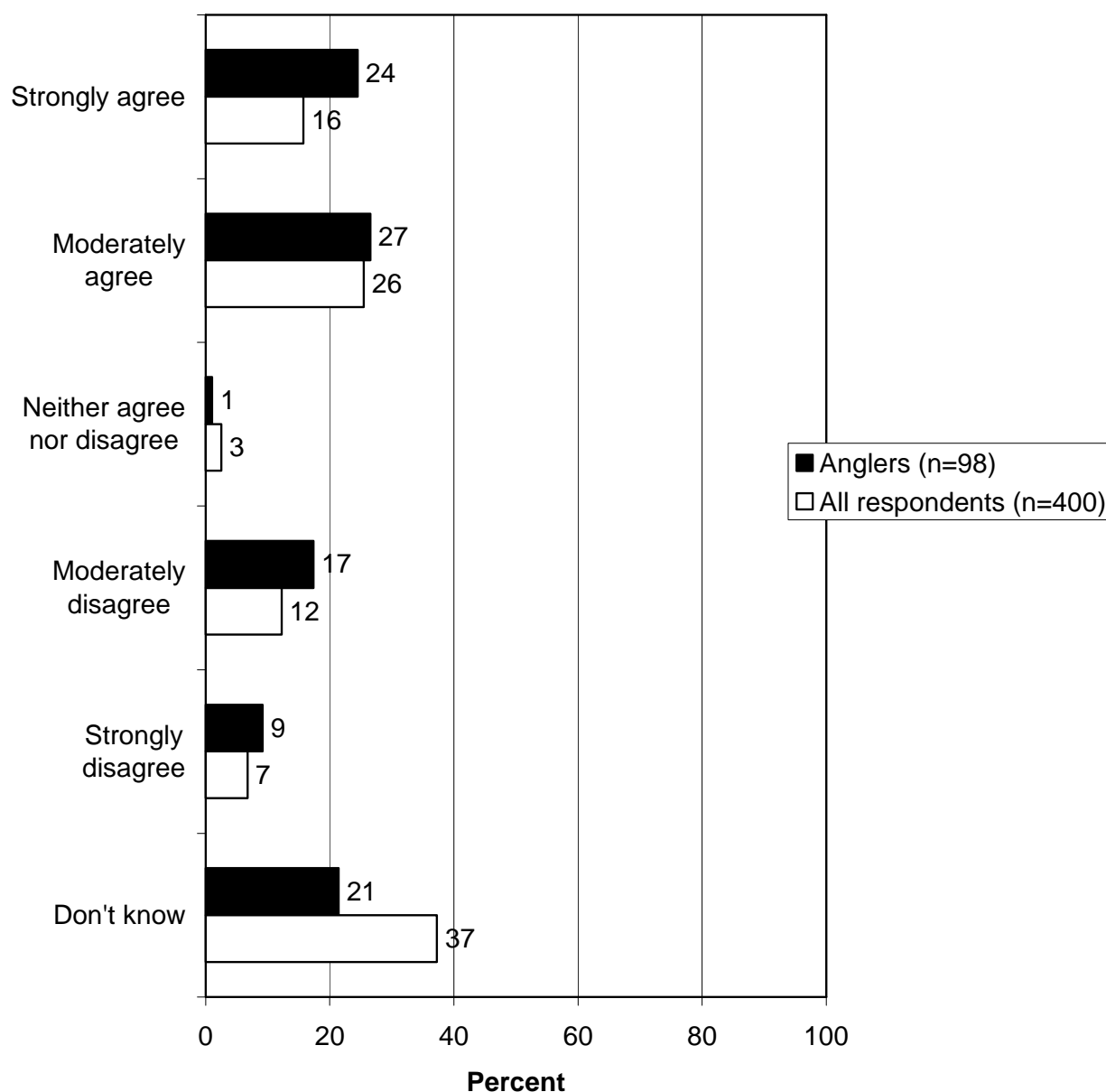
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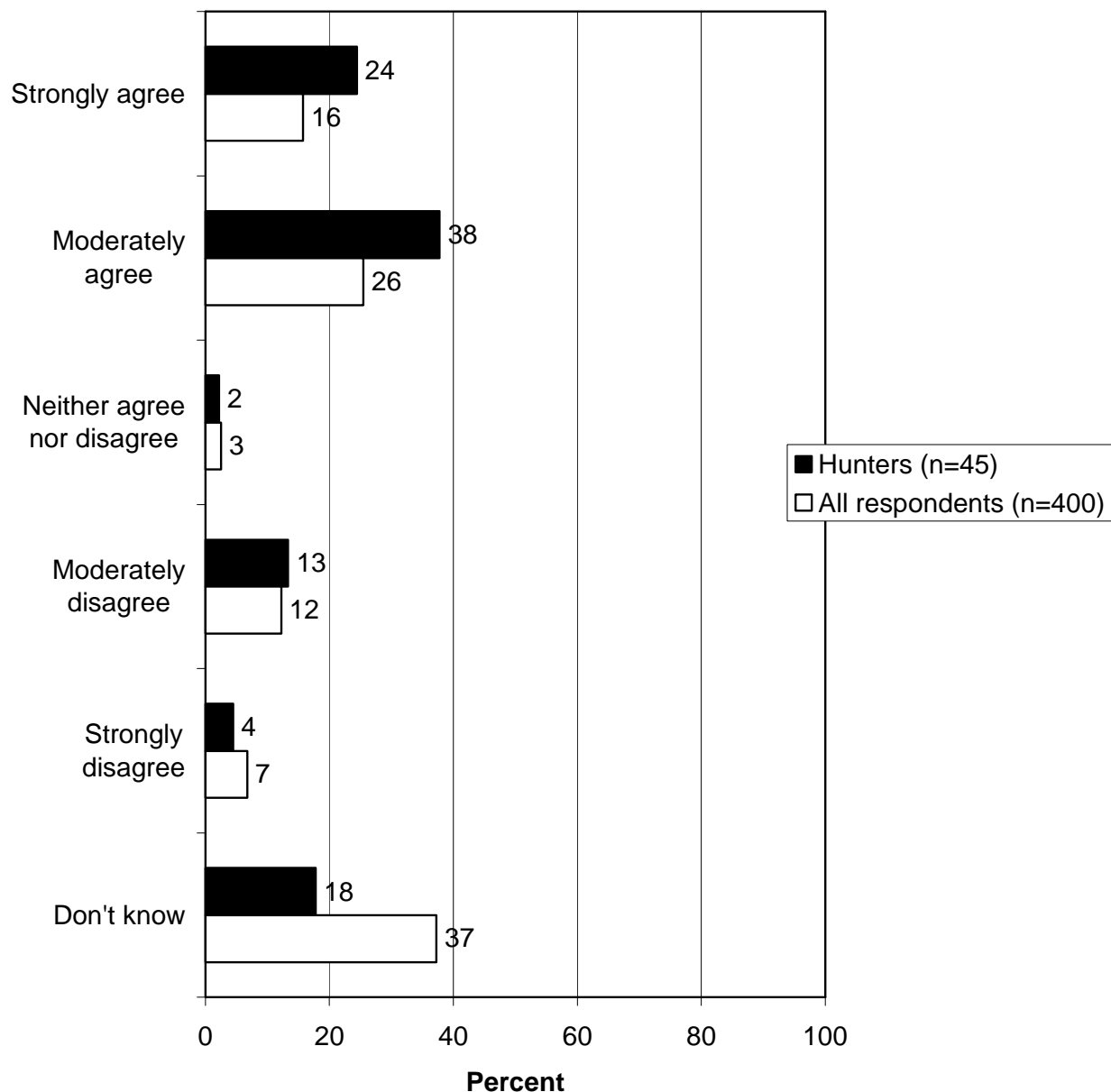
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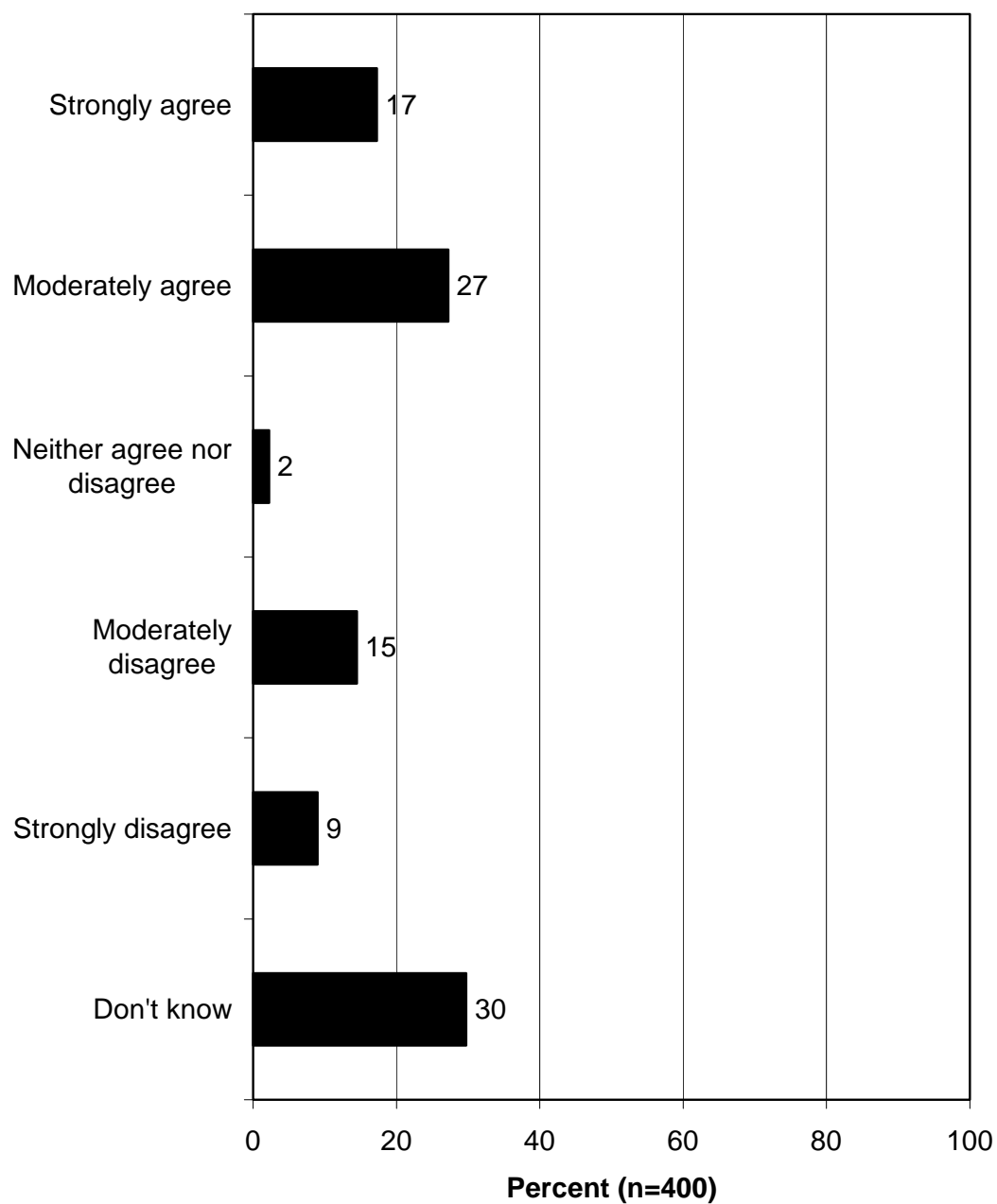
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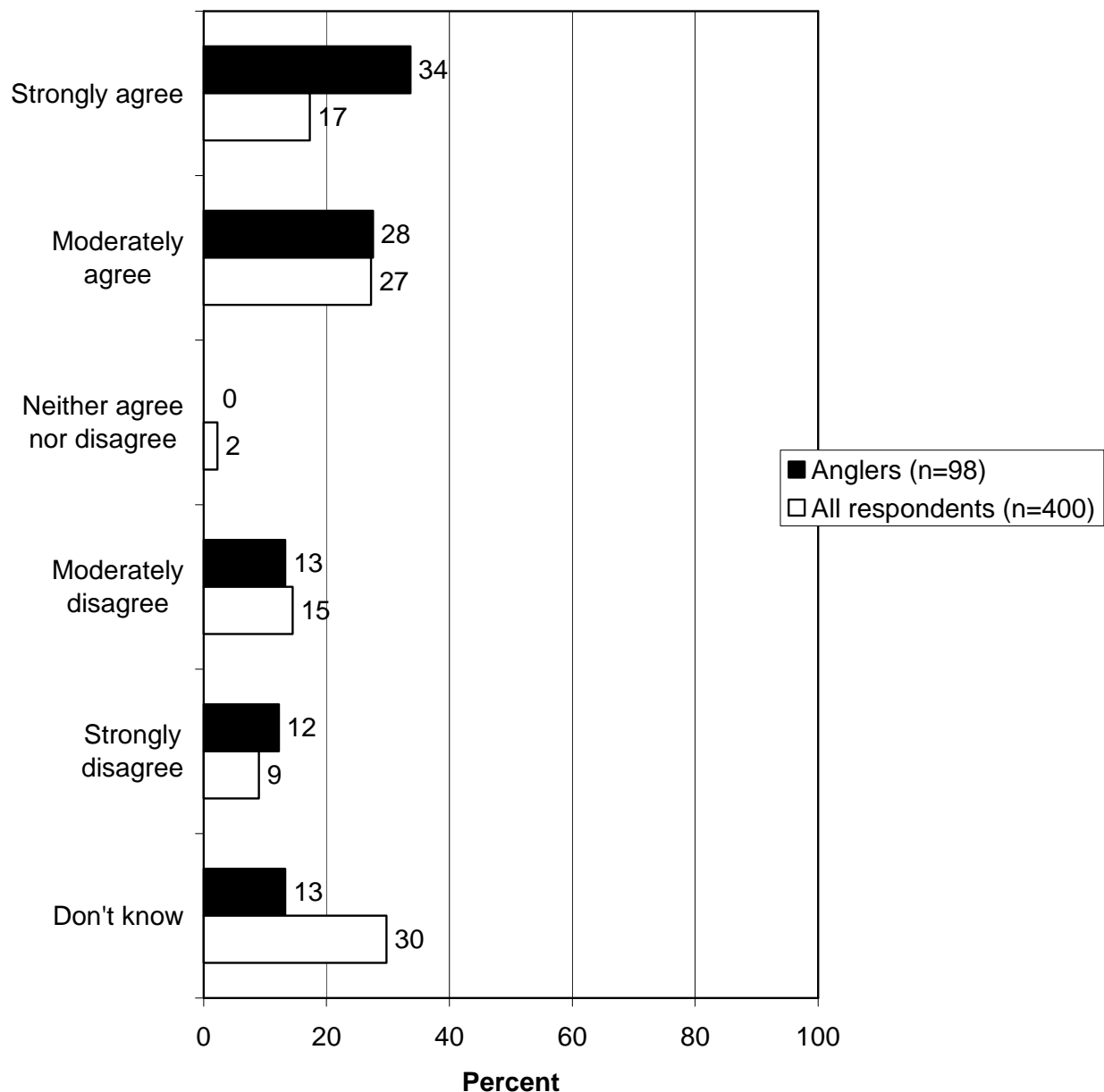
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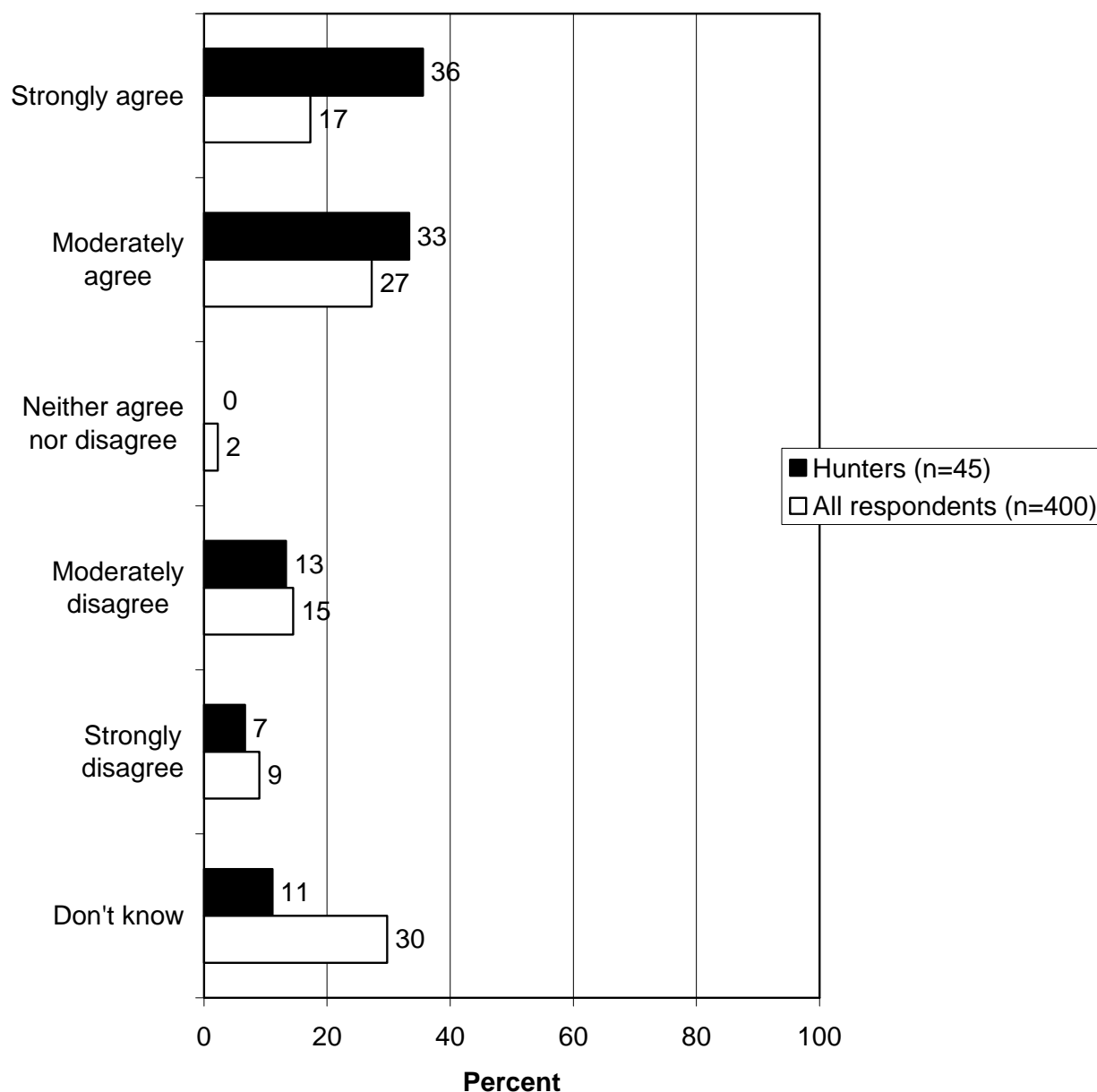
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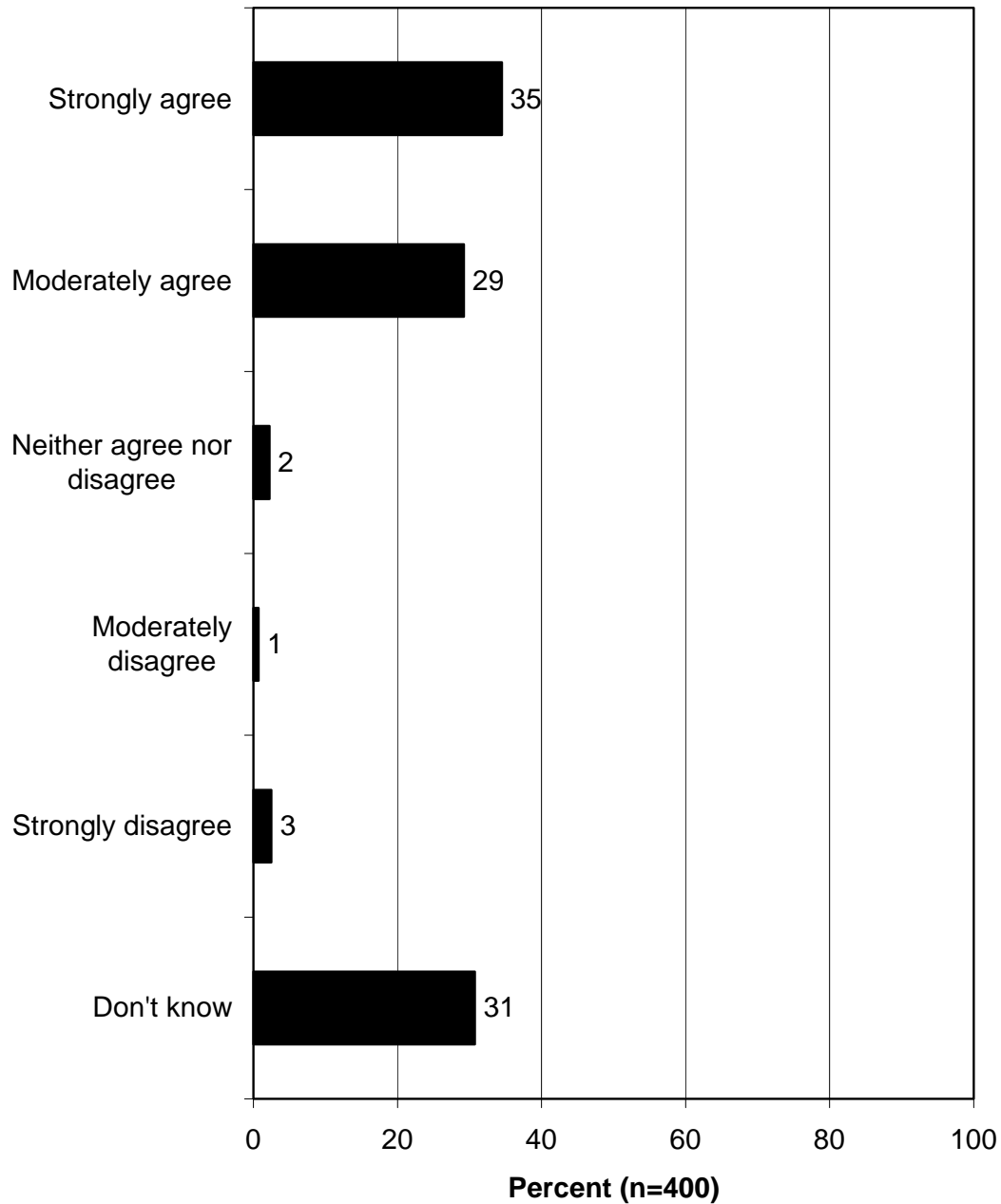
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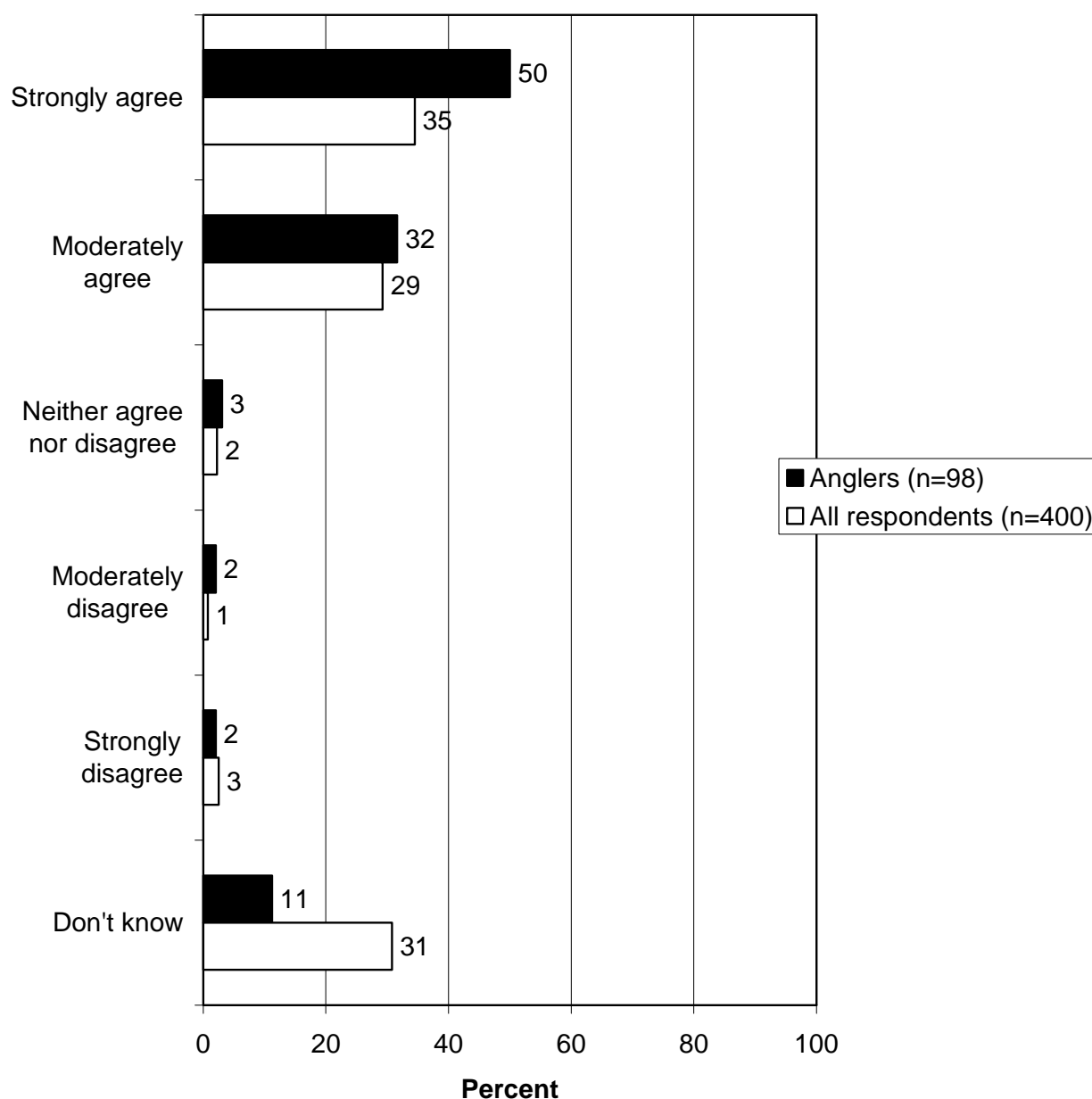
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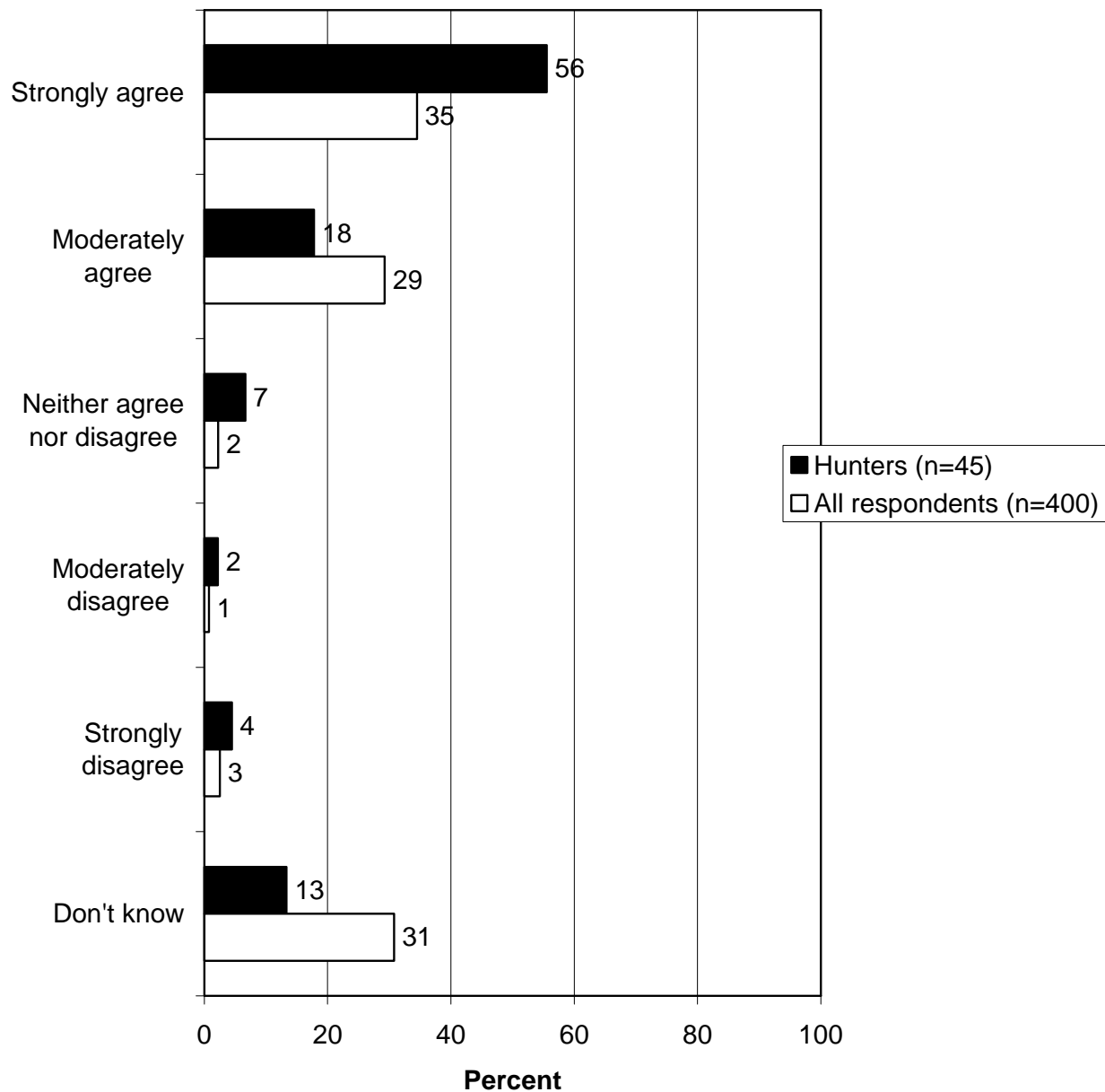
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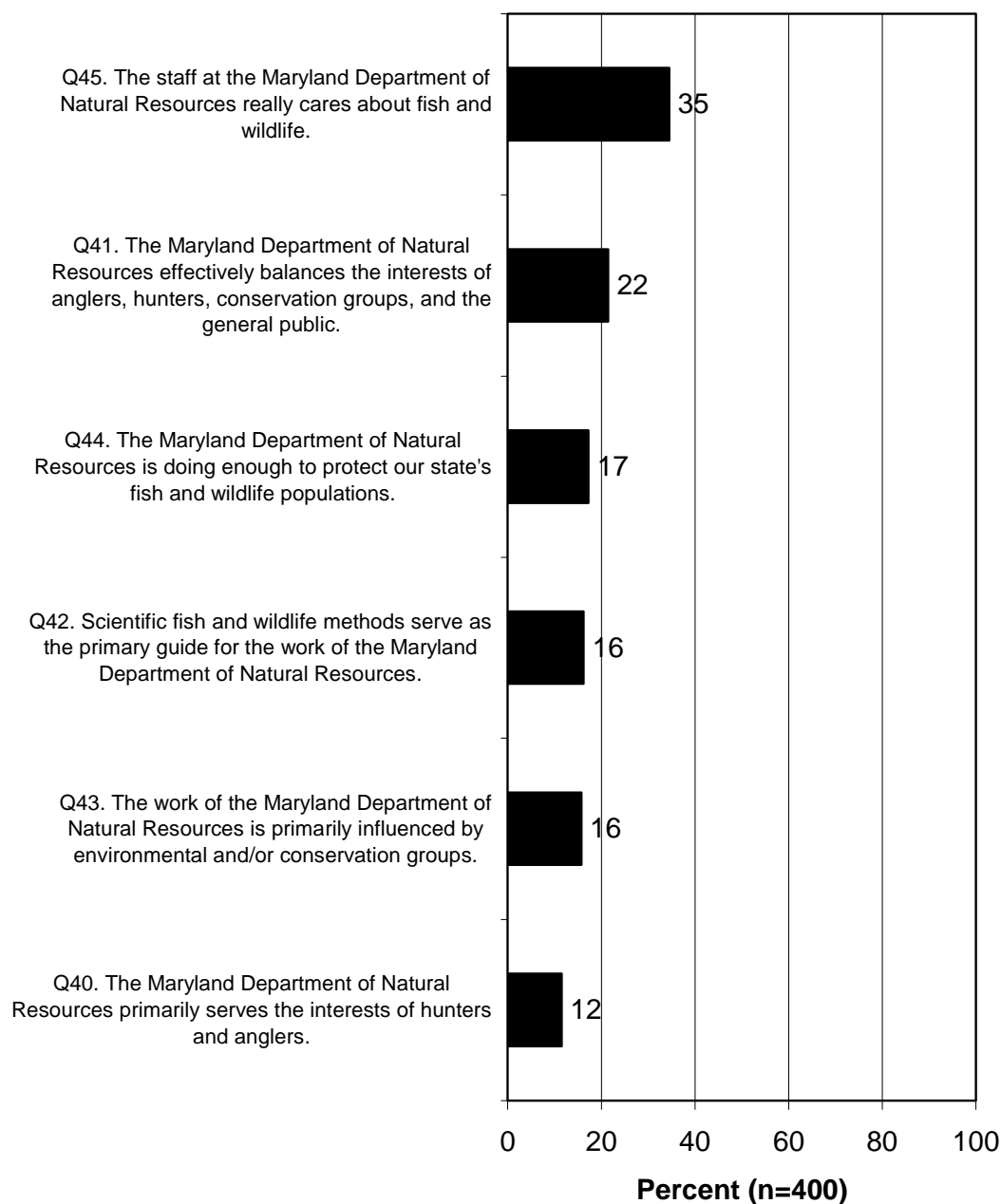
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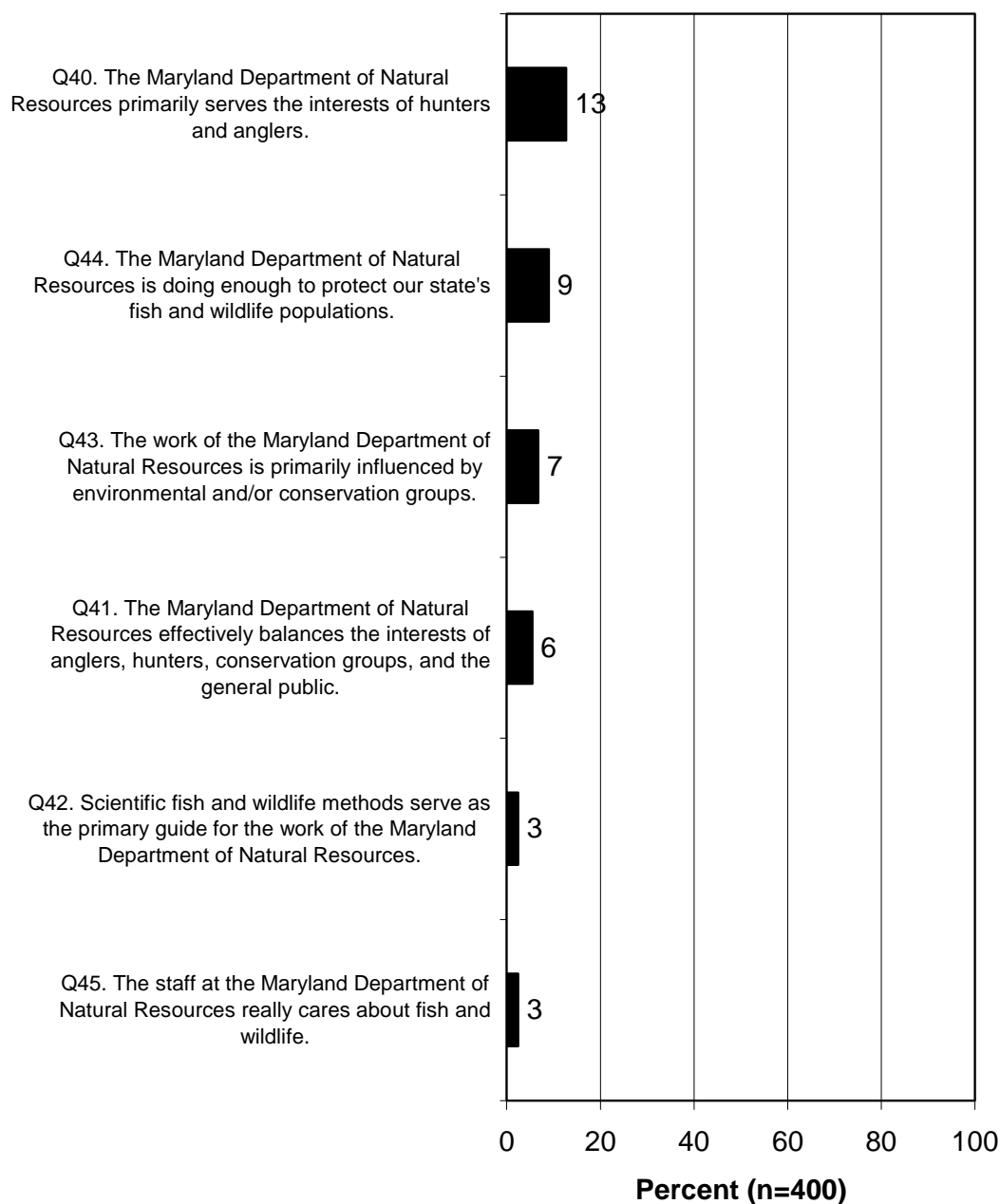
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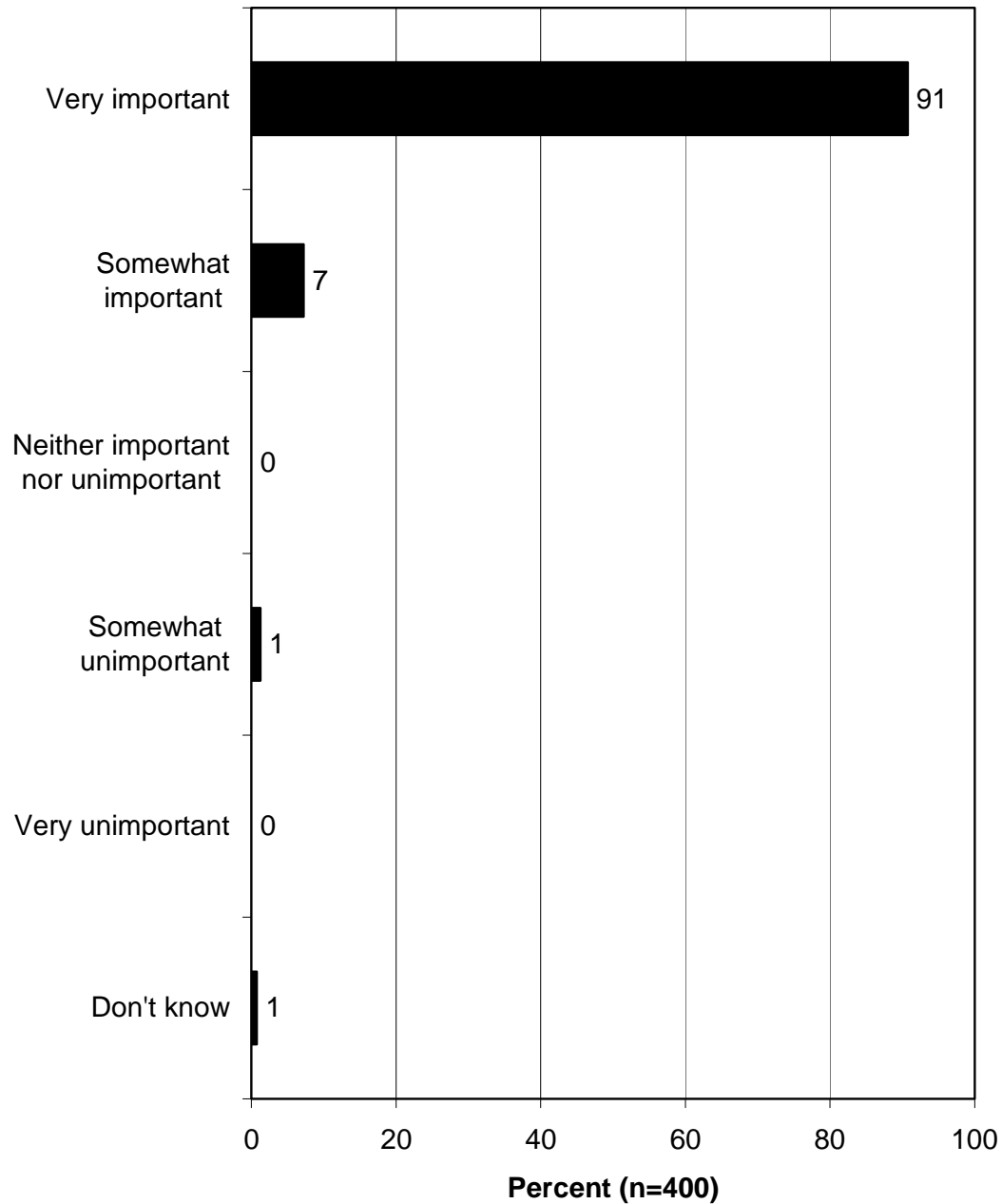
Q40-45. Percent who strongly agree with the following statements.



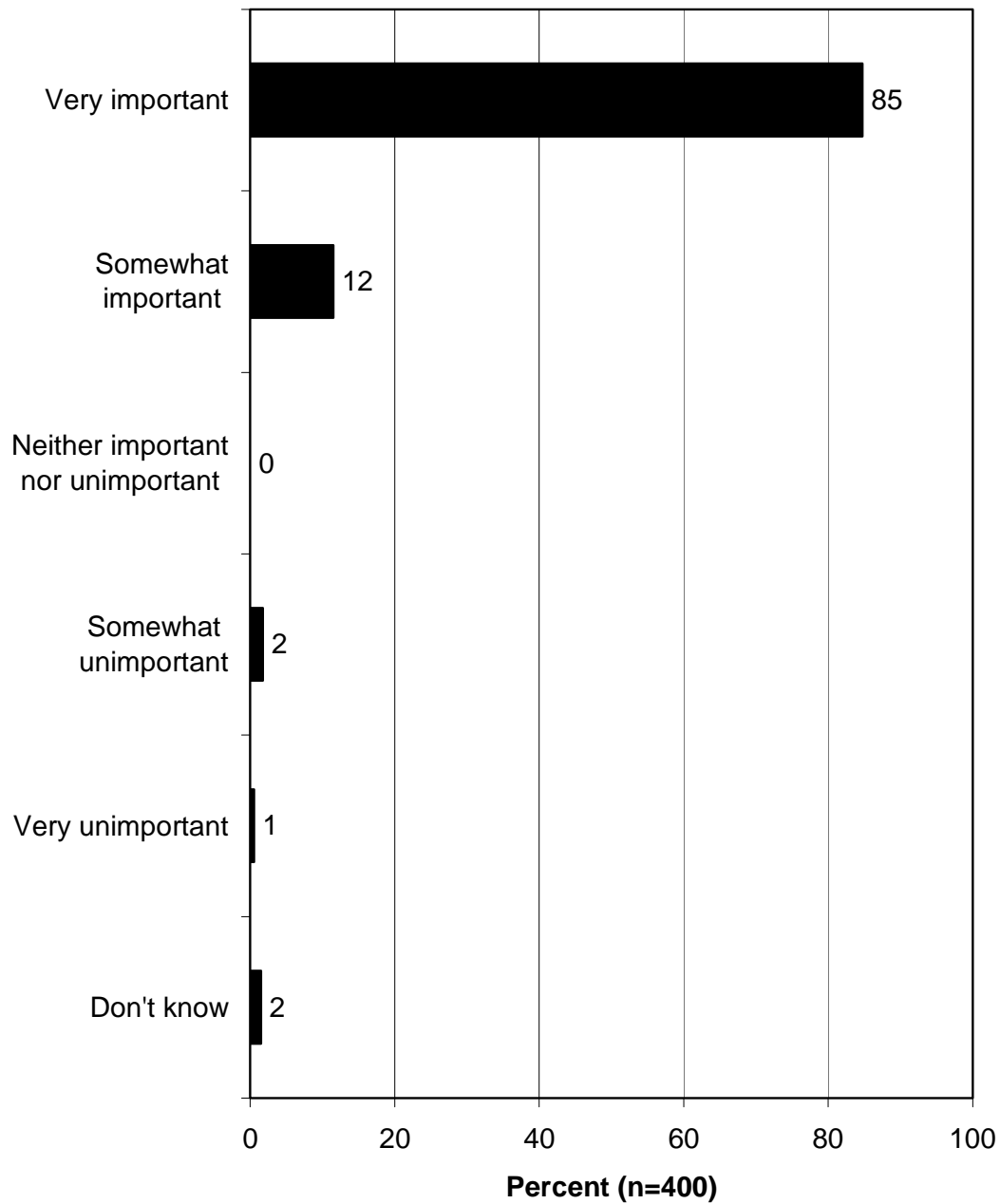
Q40-45. Percent who strongly disagree with the following statements.



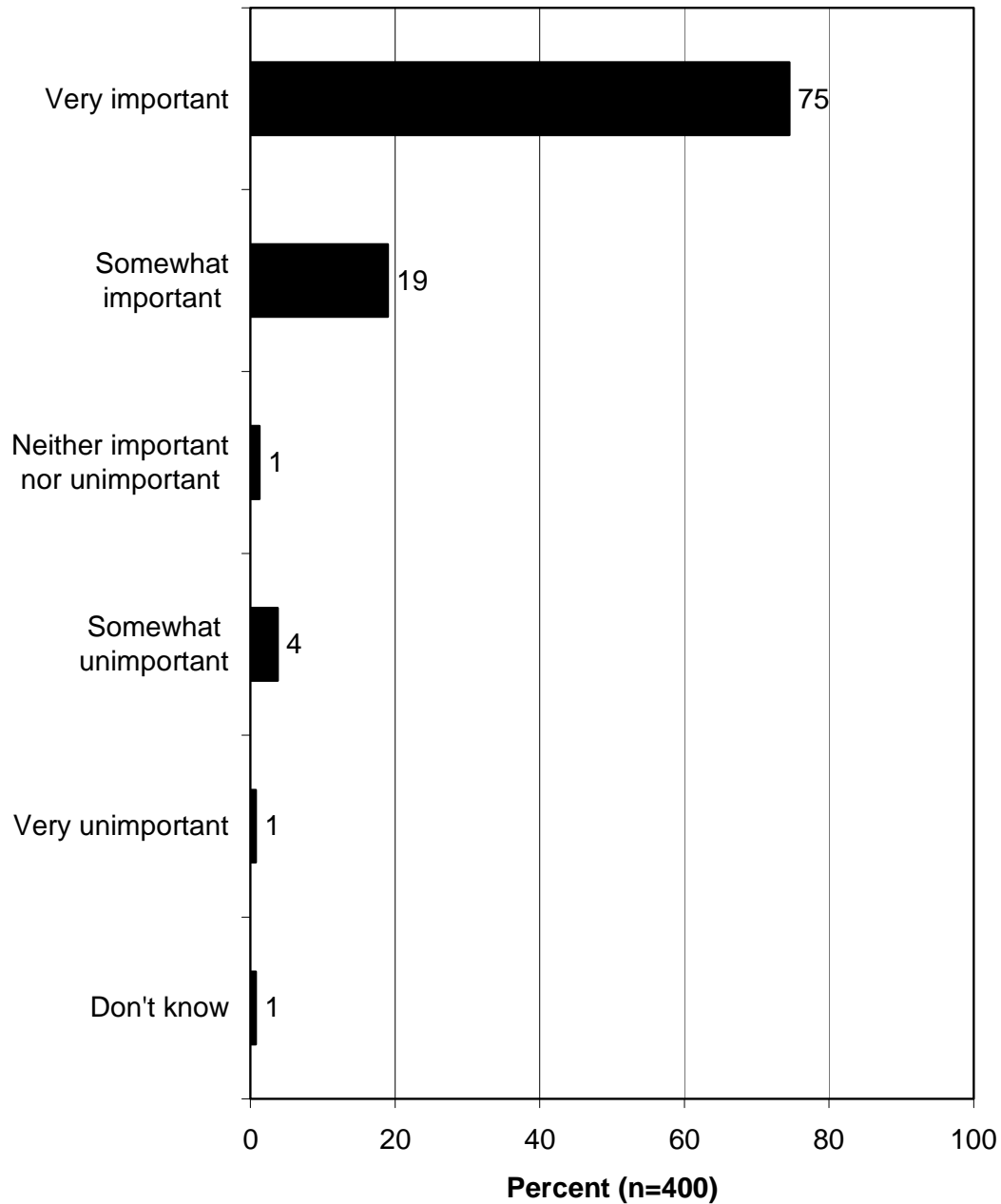
**Q52. Is it important or unimportant to you that
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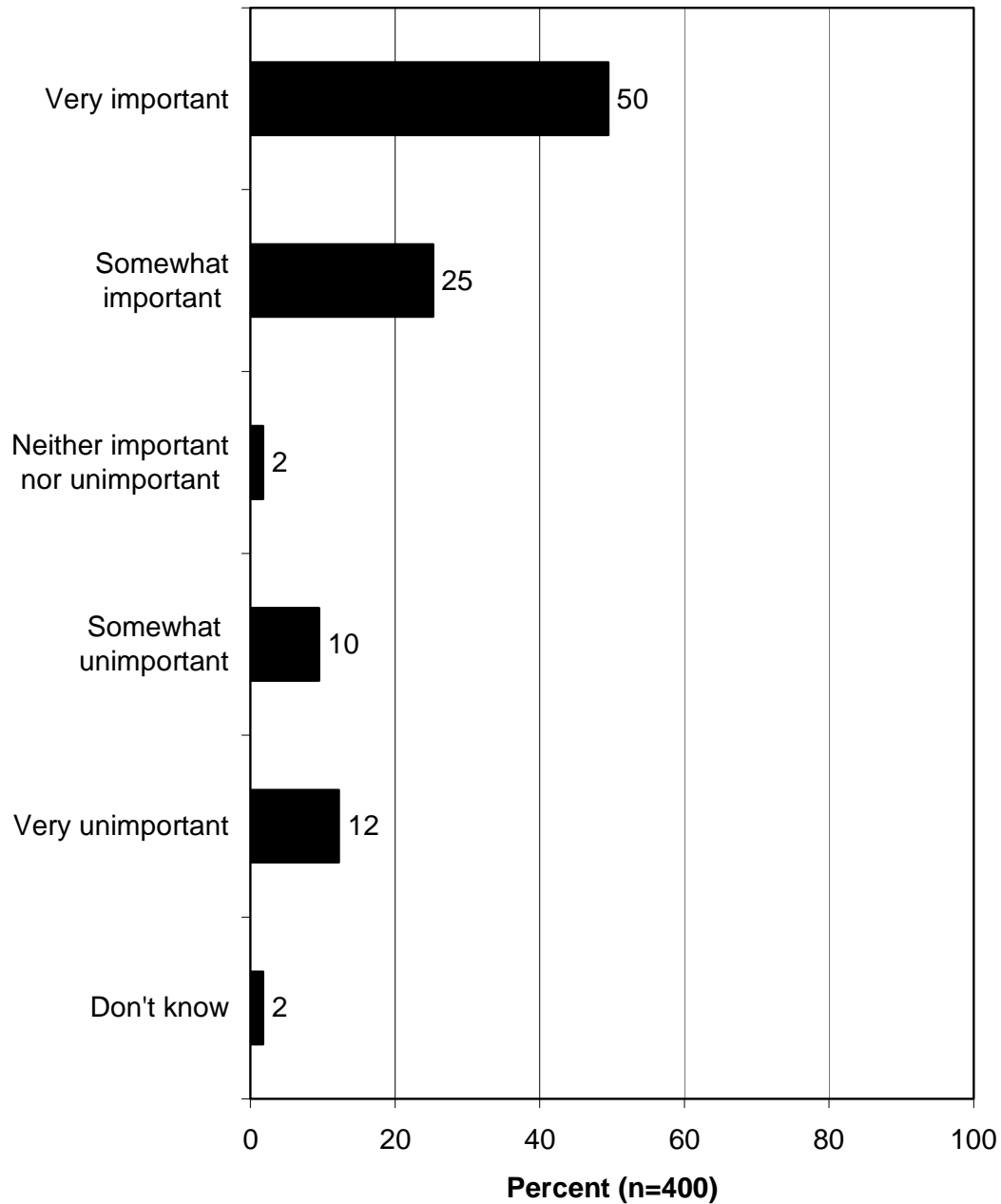
Q53. Is it important or unimportant to you that fish and wildlife populations are being properly managed and conserved in Maryland?



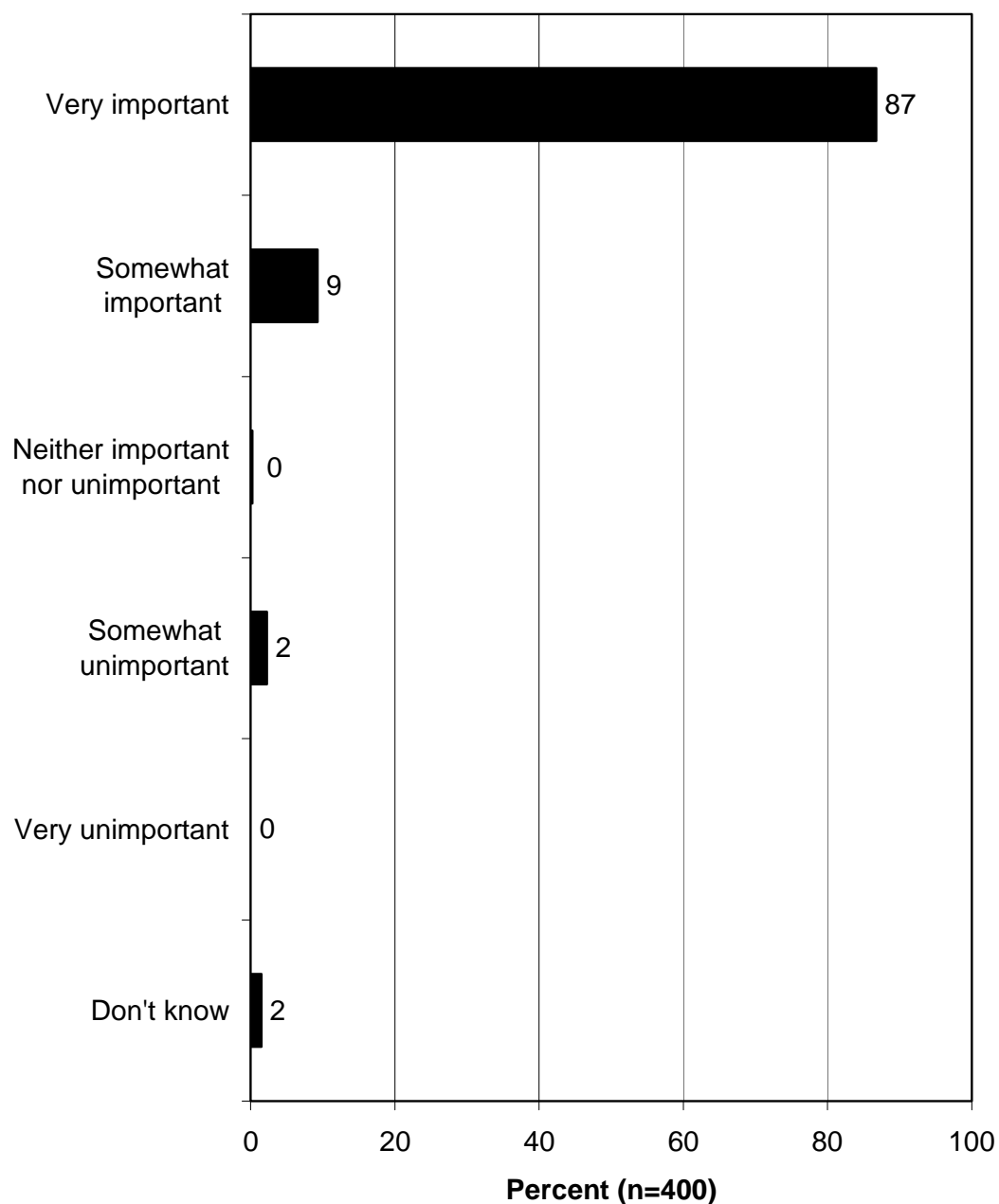
Q54. Is it important or unimportant to you that people have the opportunity to fish in Maryland?



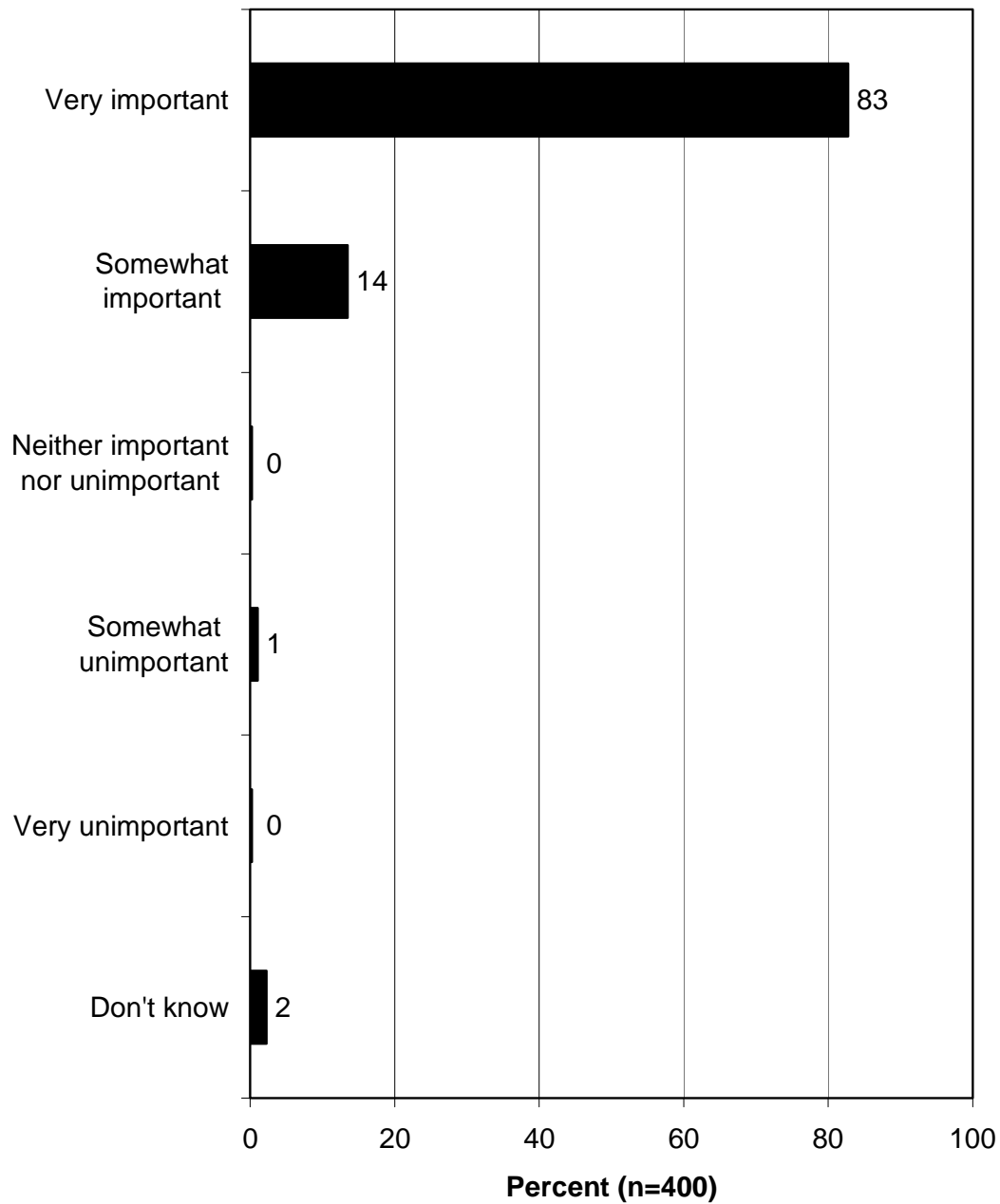
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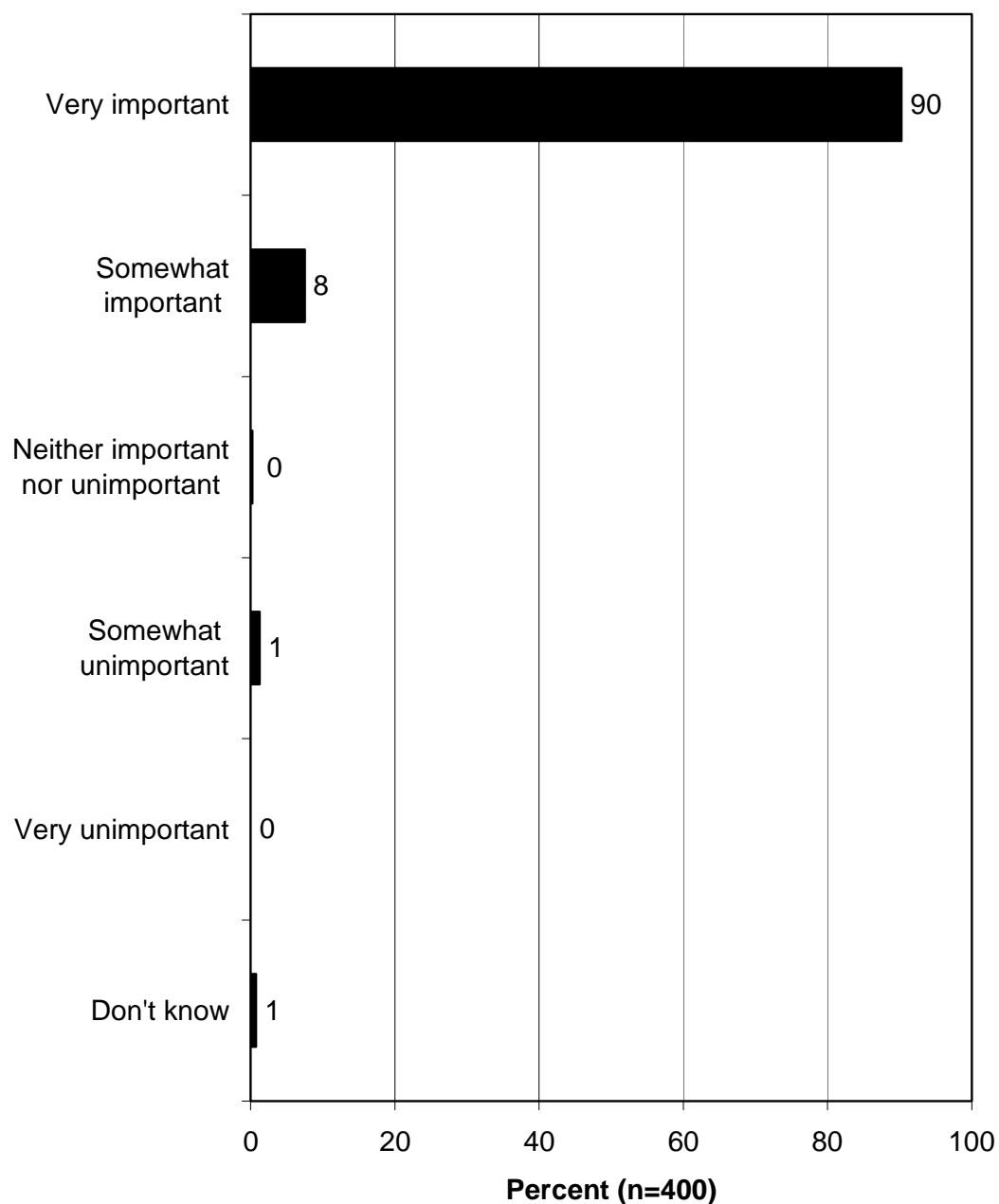
Q56. Is it important or unimportant to you that people have the opportunity to view wildlife in Maryland?



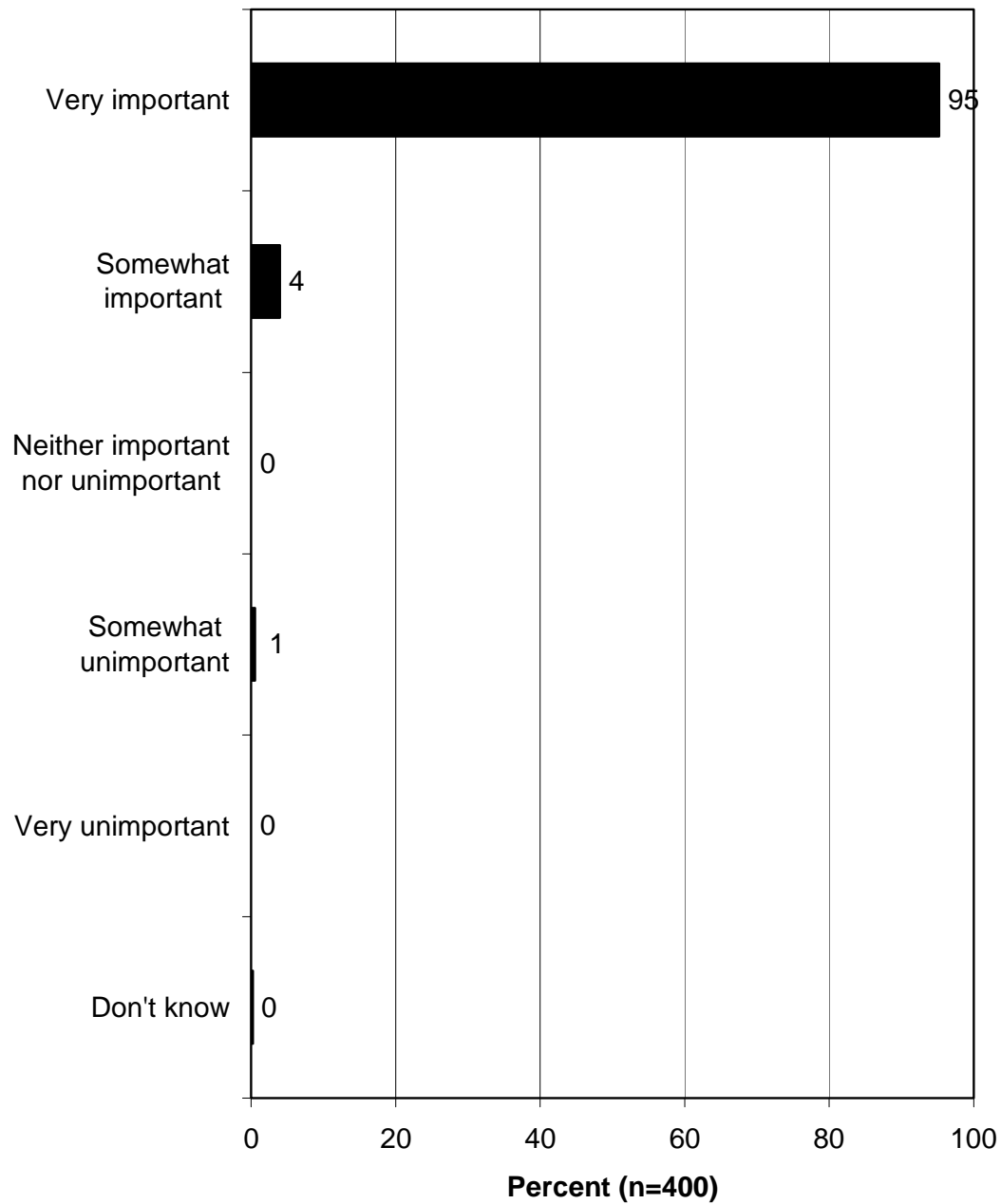
Q57. Is it important or unimportant to you that ecologically important habitats and lands in Maryland are being protected and preserved?



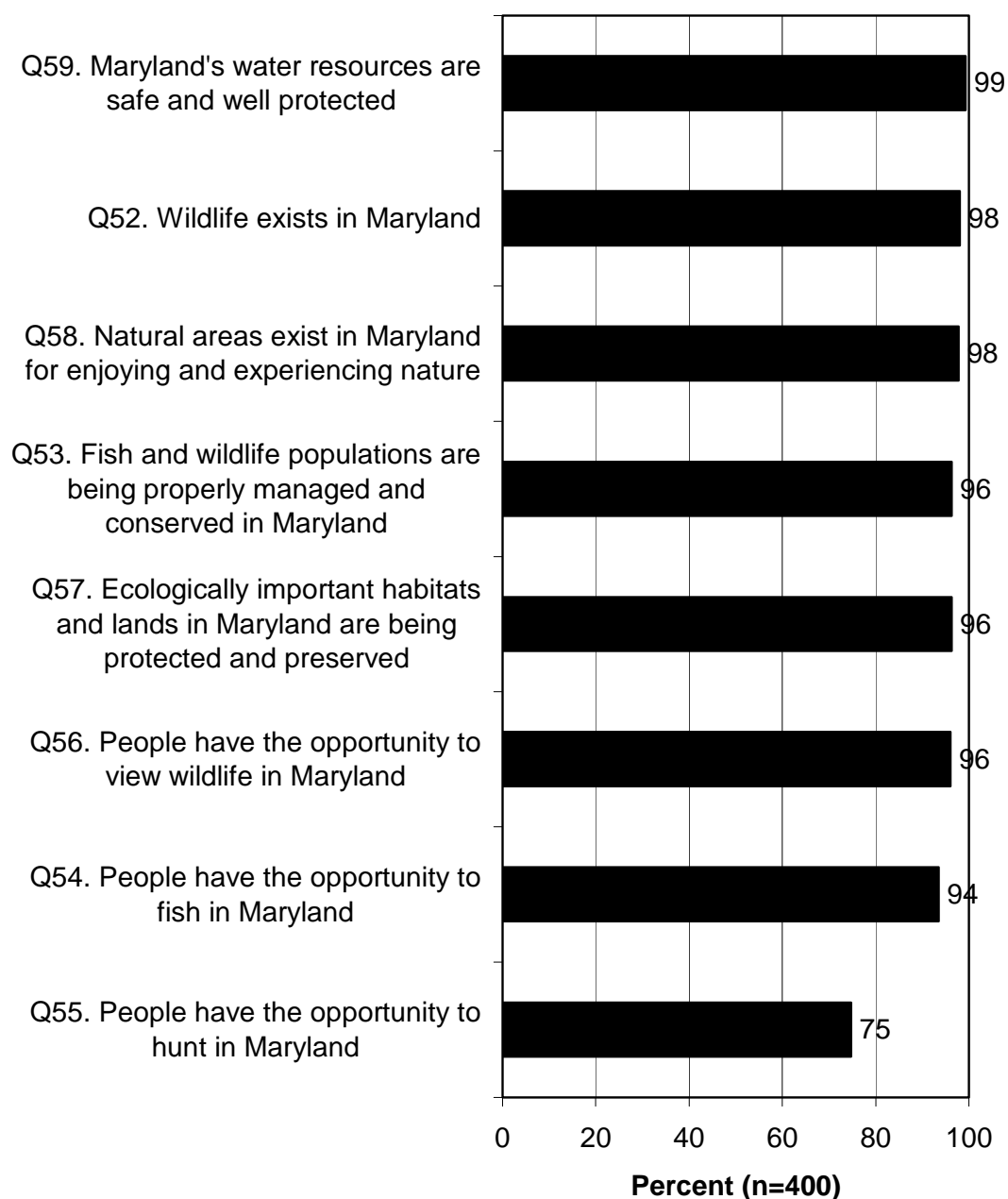
Q58. Is it important or unimportant to you that natural areas exist in Maryland for enjoying and experiencing nature?



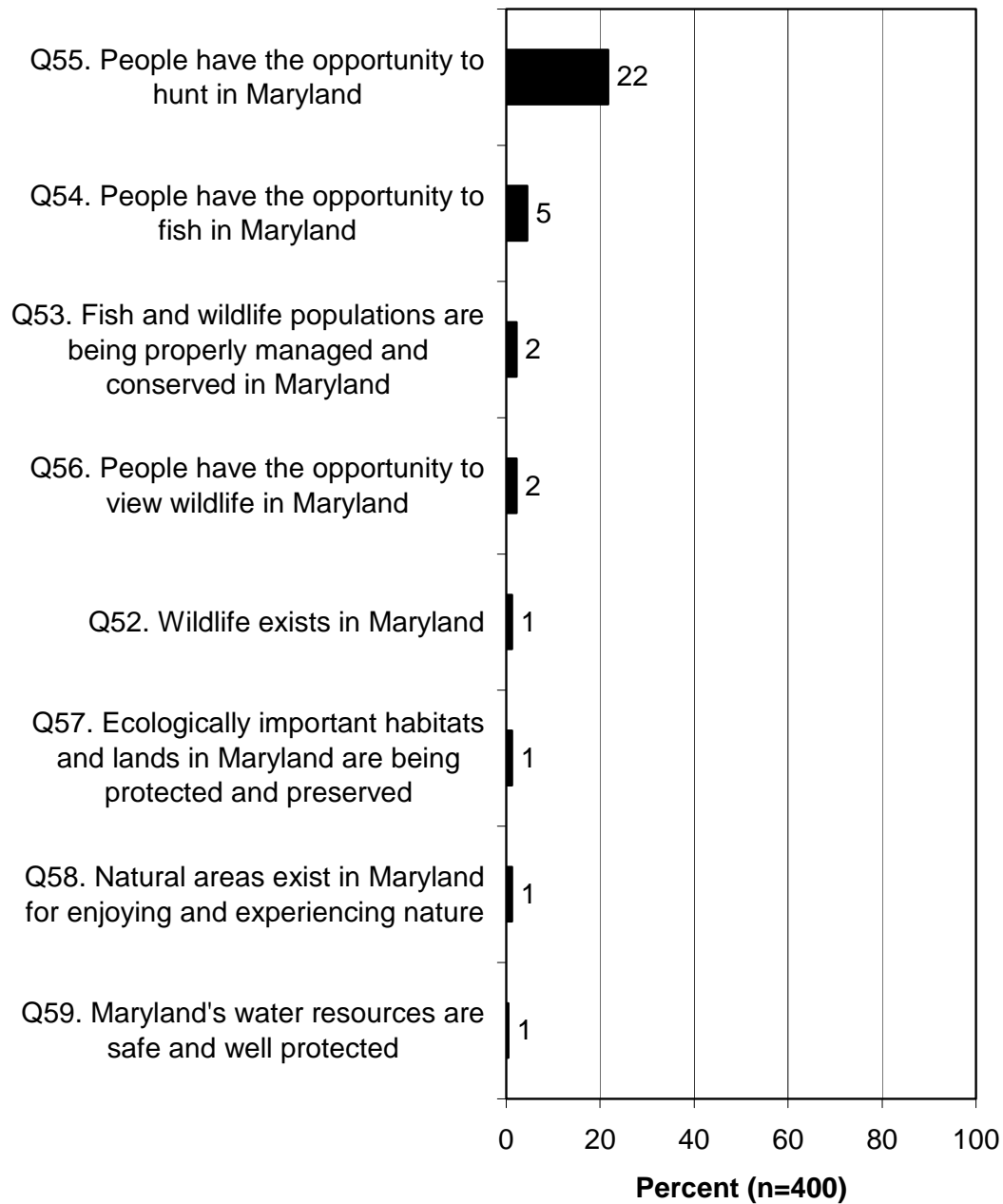
Q59. Is it important or unimportant to you that Maryland's water resources are safe and well protected?



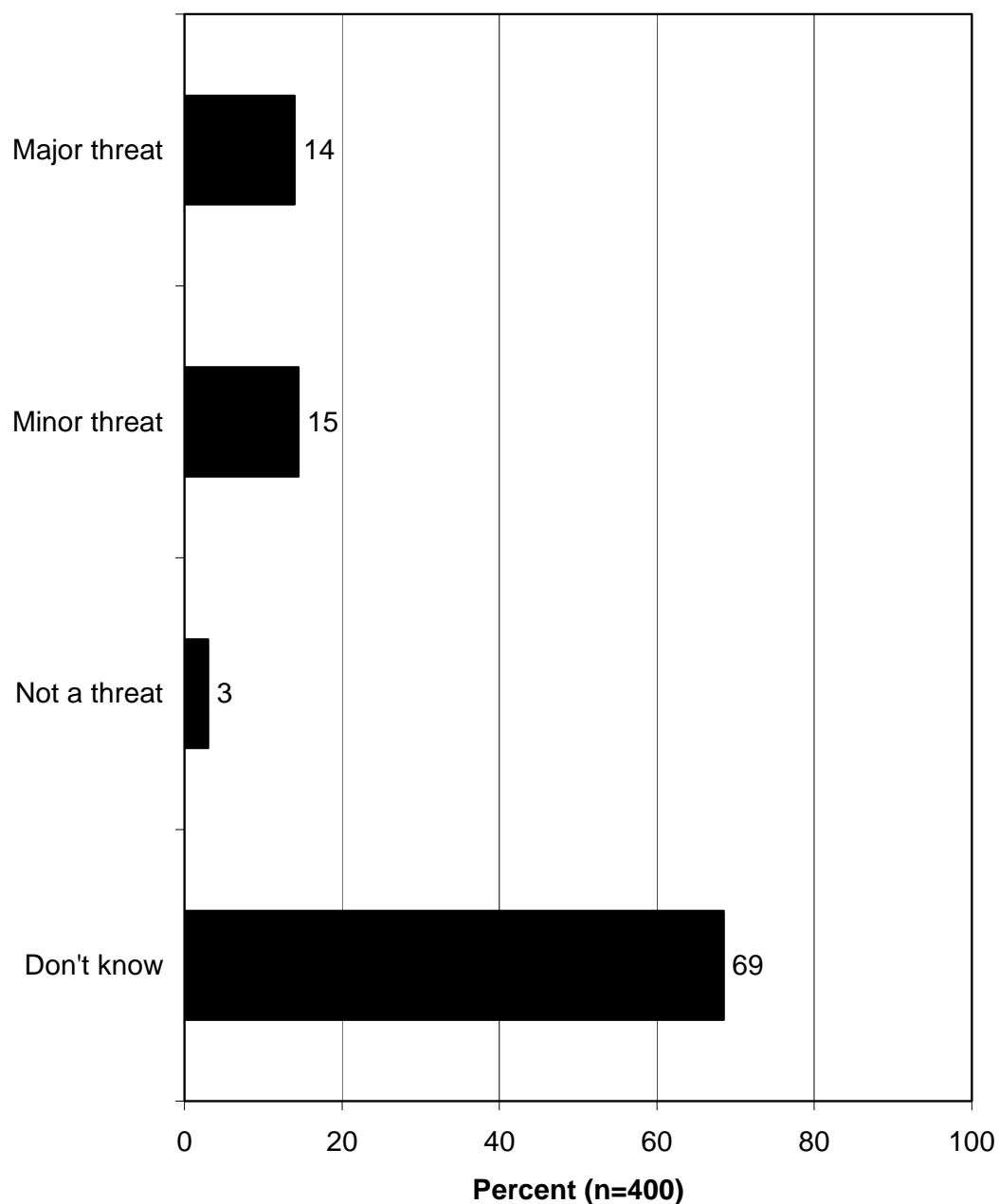
Q52-59. Percent who rated the following values as very or somewhat important.



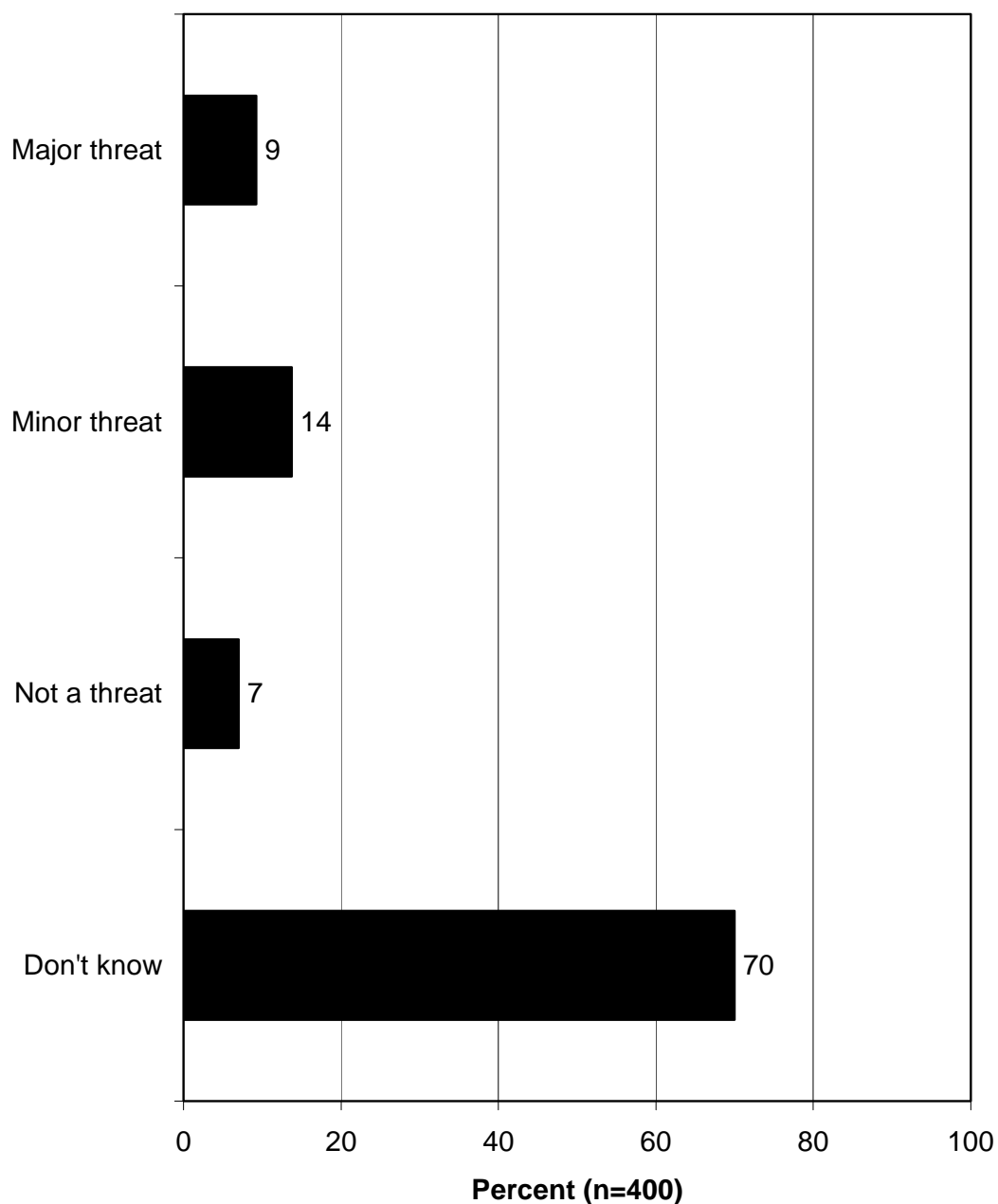
Q52-59. Percent who rated the following values as somewhat or very unimportant.



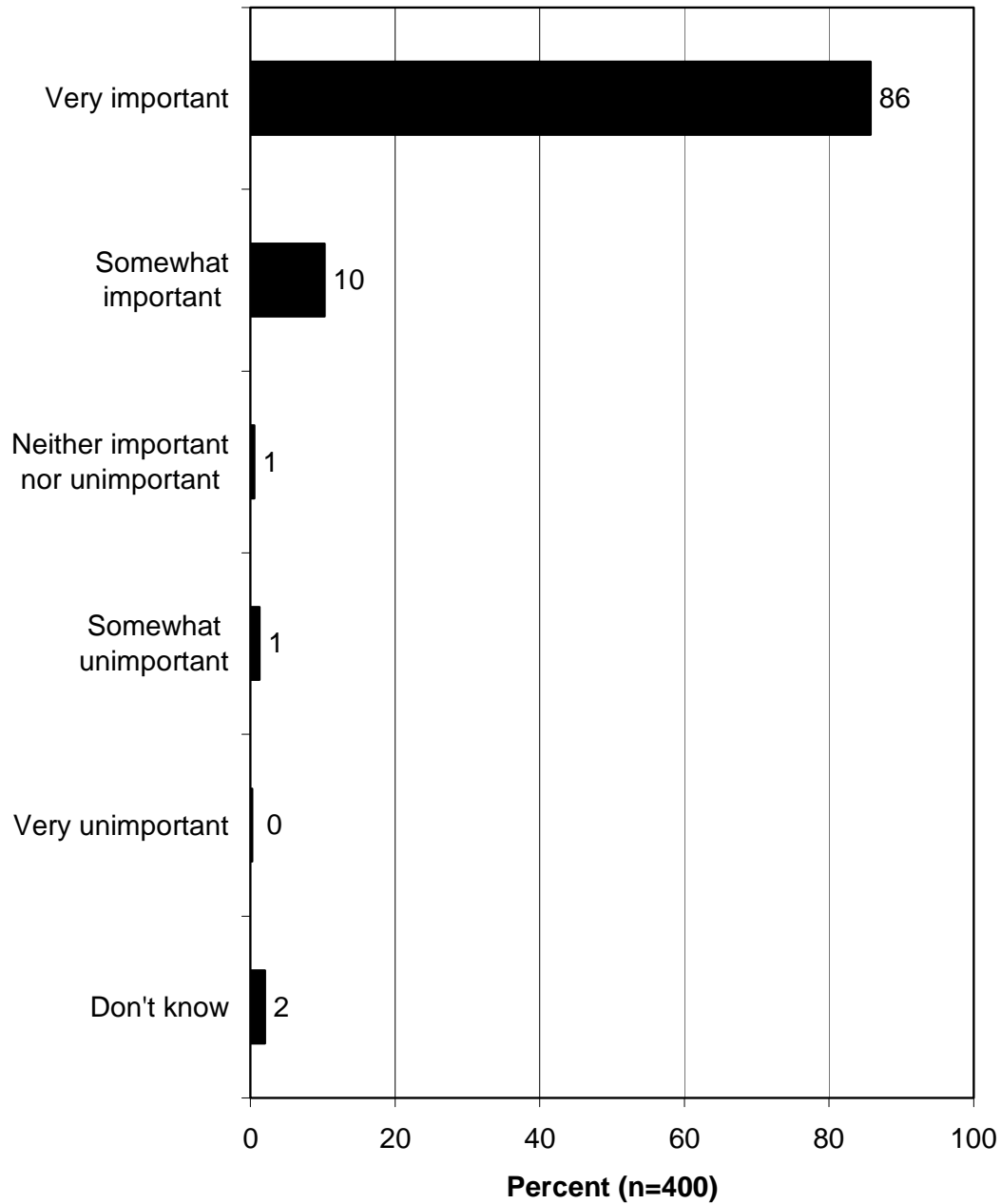
Q61. How great a threat do you think CWD is to Maryland's deer populations? Would you say it is a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat?



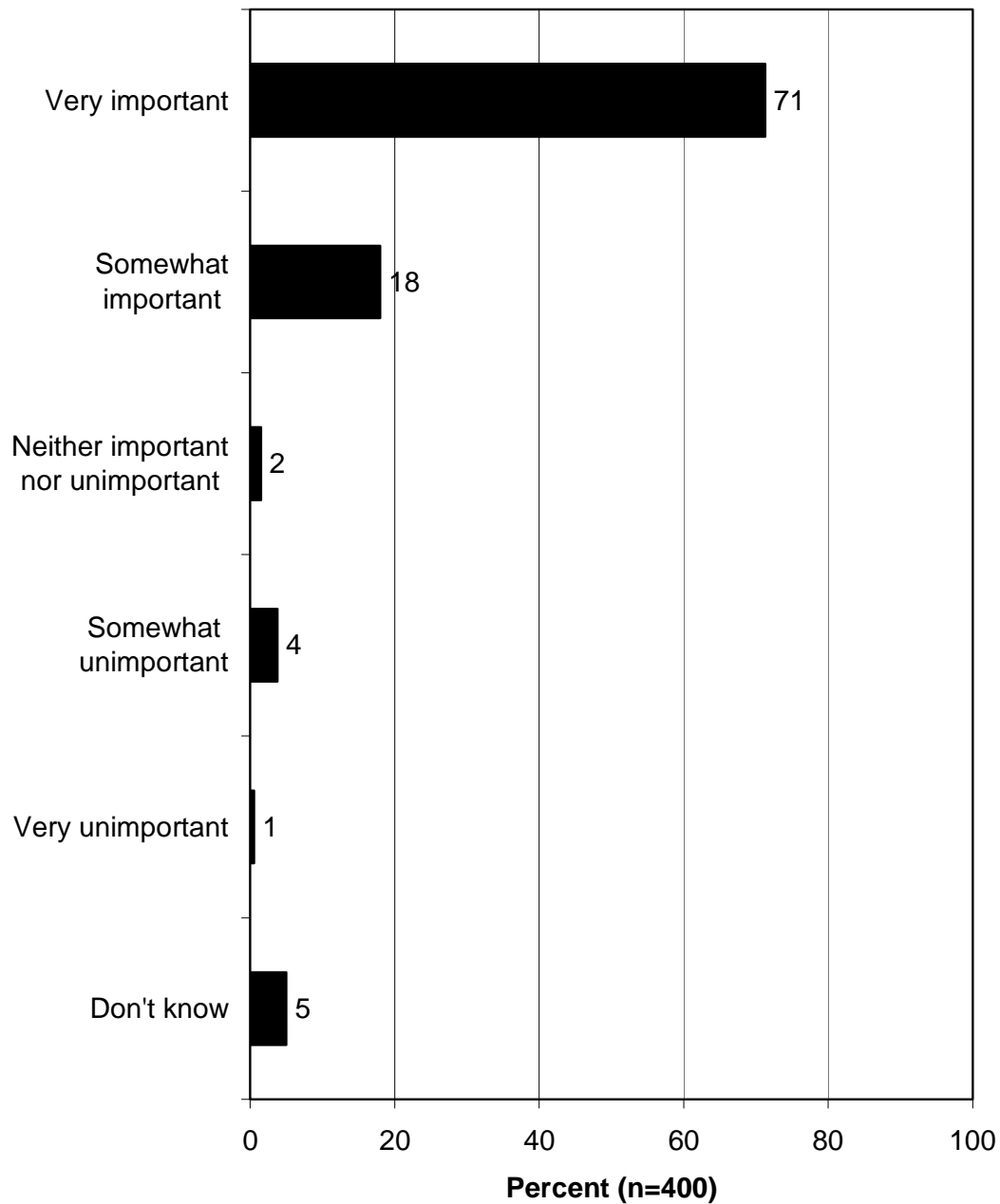
Q62. How great a threat do you think CWD is to Maryland's residents? Would you say it is a major threat, a minor threat, or not a threat?



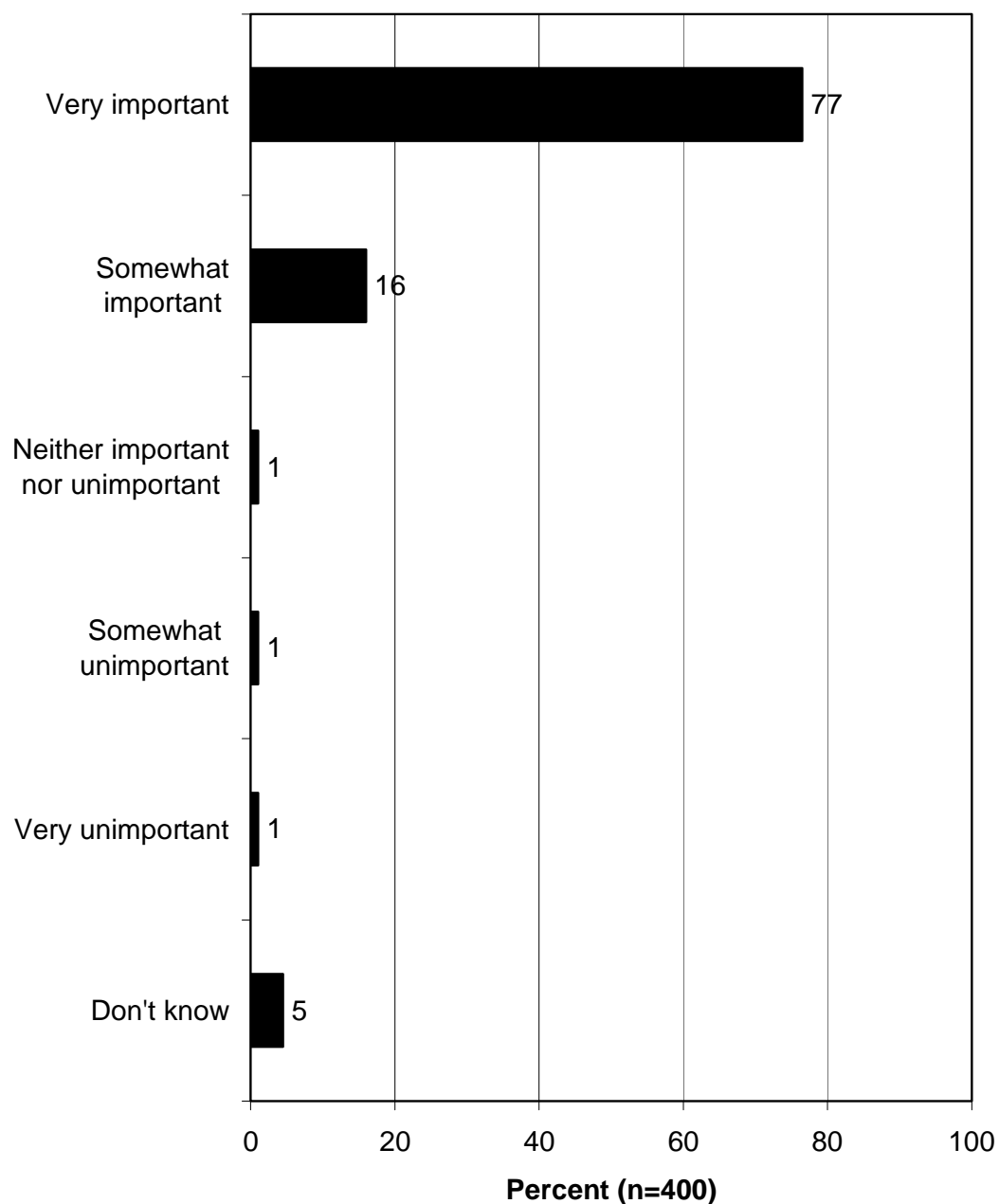
Q88. Do you think protecting endangered species is an important or unimportant program for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources?



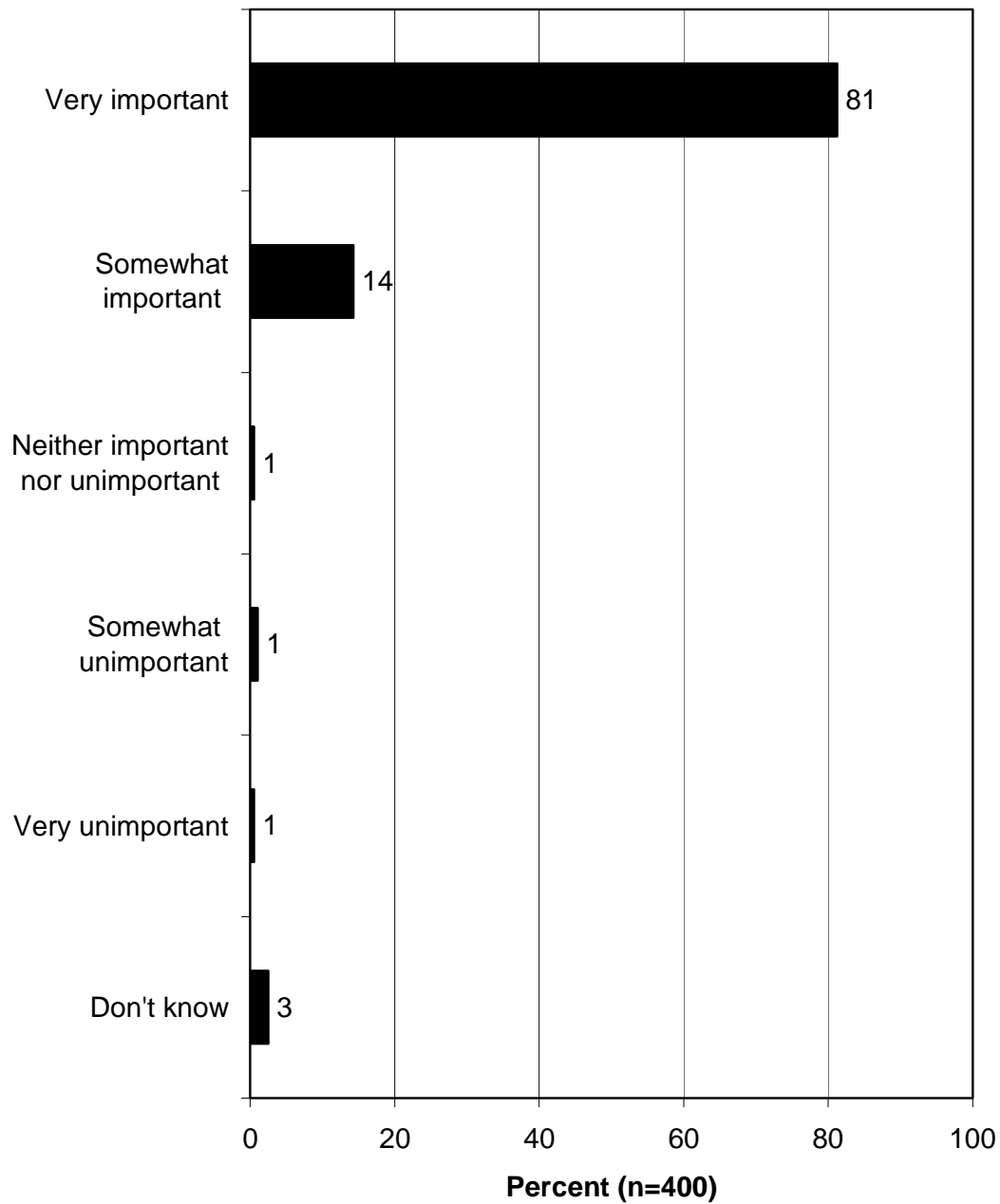
Q89. Do you think restoring native fish and wildlife species to the state is an important or unimportant program for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources?



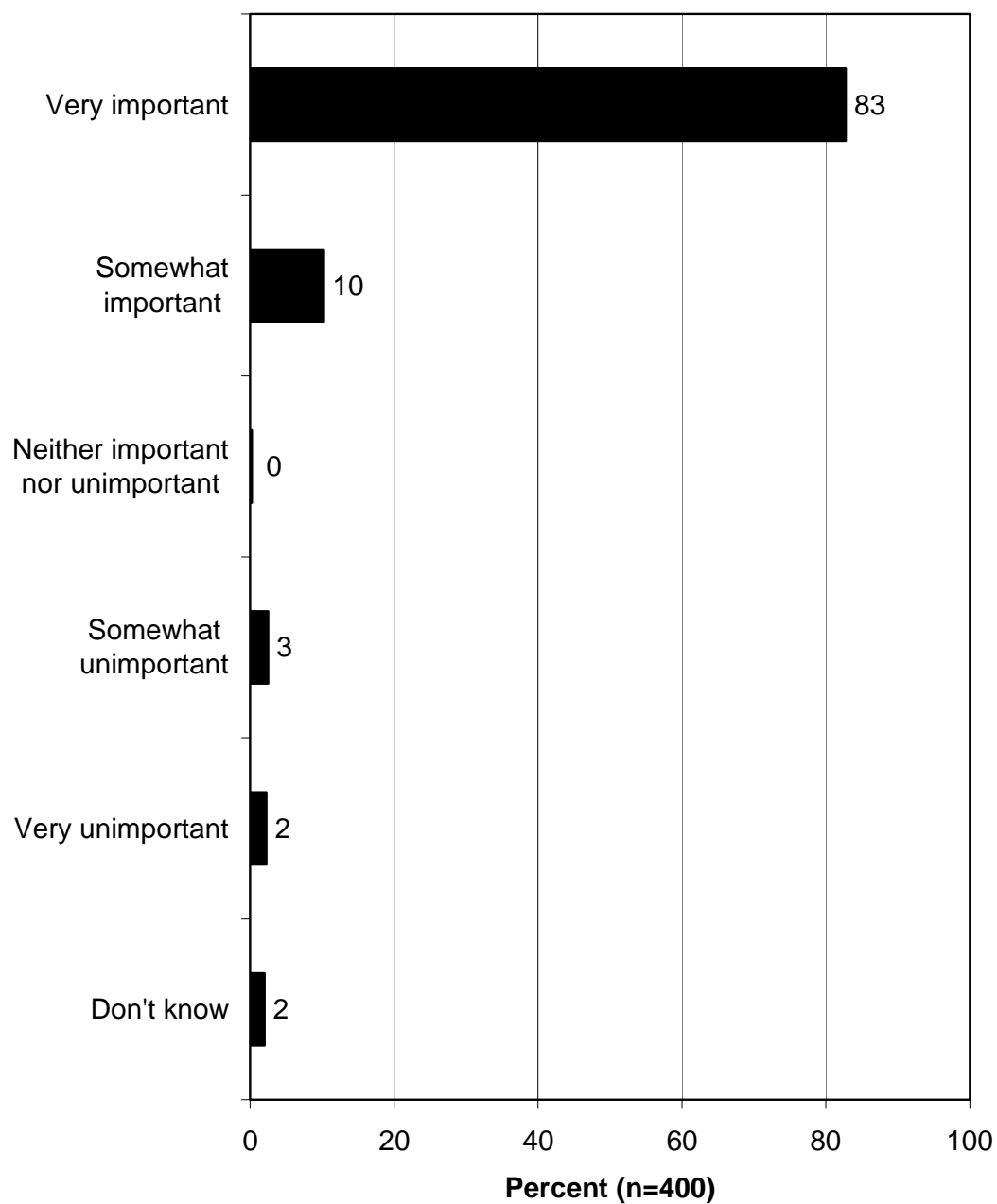
Q90. Do you think managing fish populations is an important or unimportant program for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources?



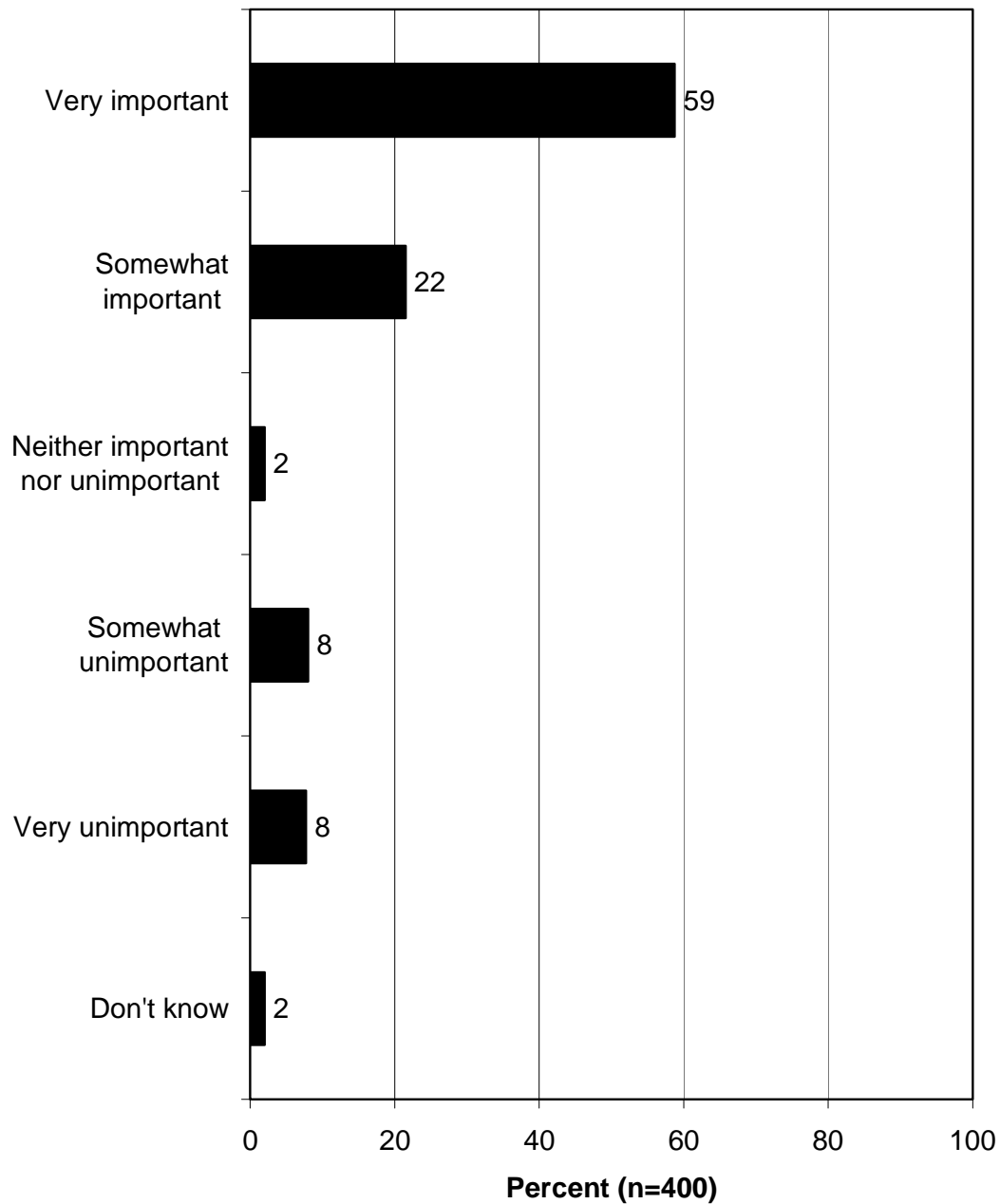
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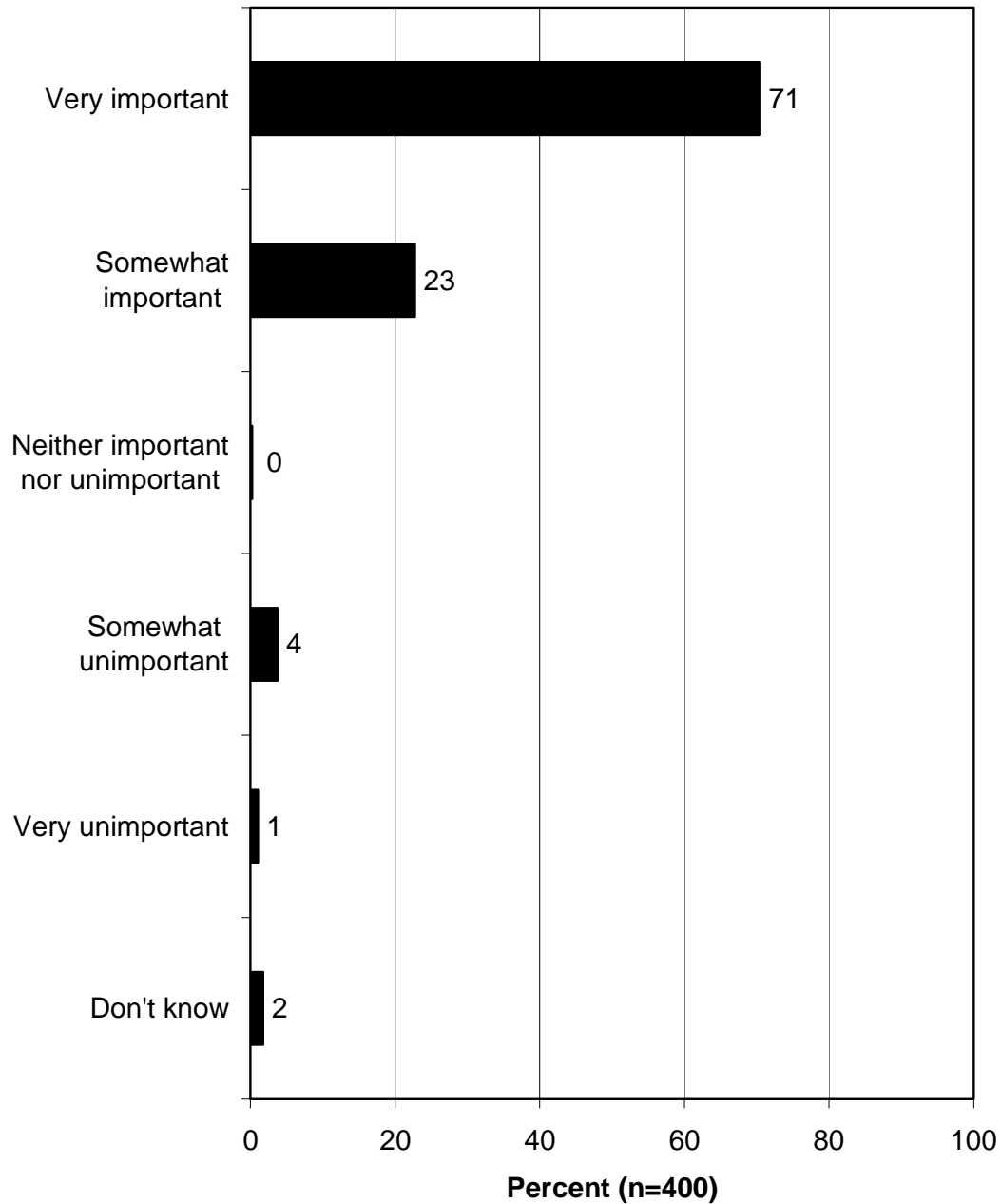
Q92. Do you think protecting citizens against diseases from animals such as lyme disease and rabies is an important or unimportant program for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources?



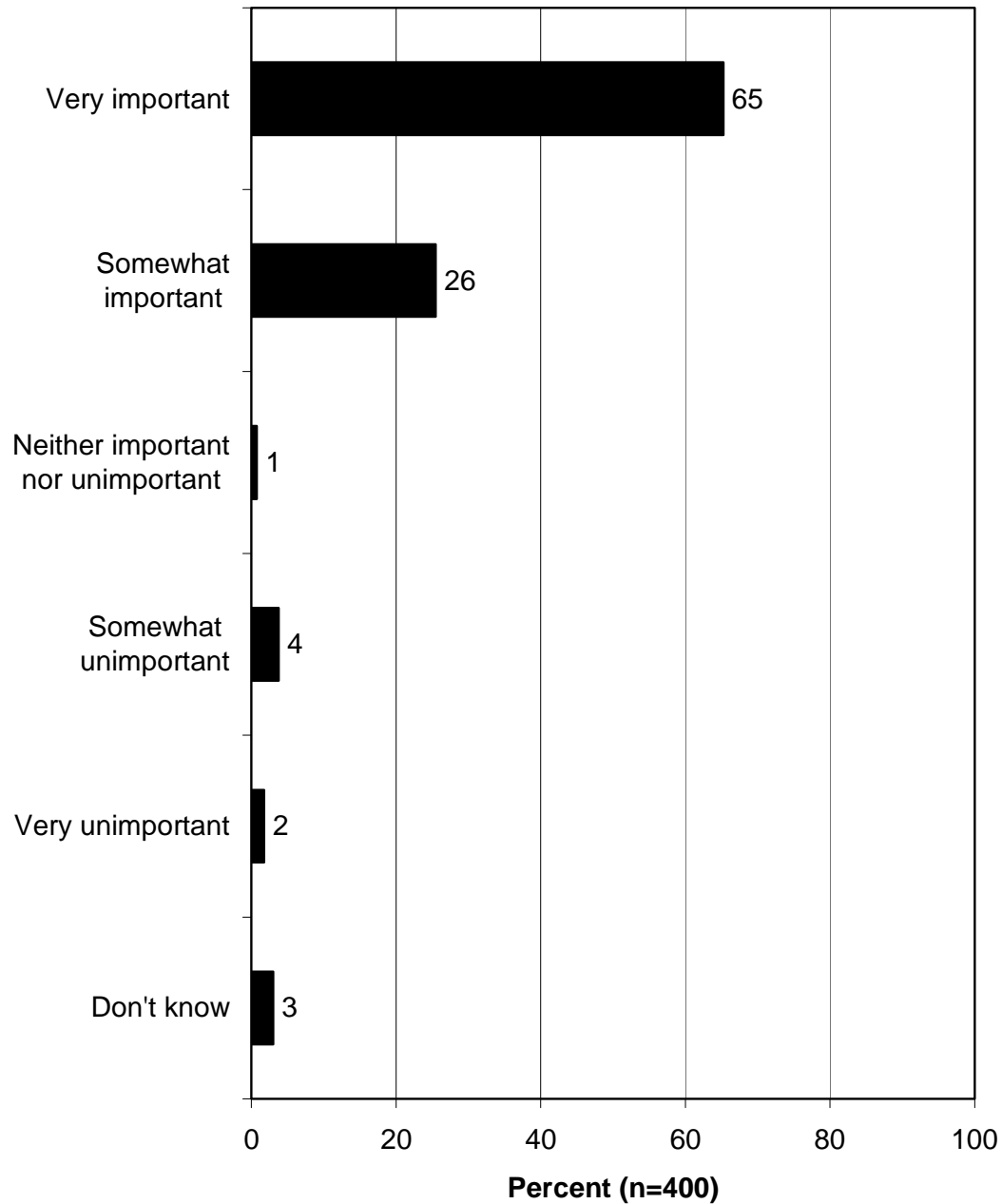
Q93. Do you think protecting citizens from harm from predators such as coyotes and bears is an important or unimportant program for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources?



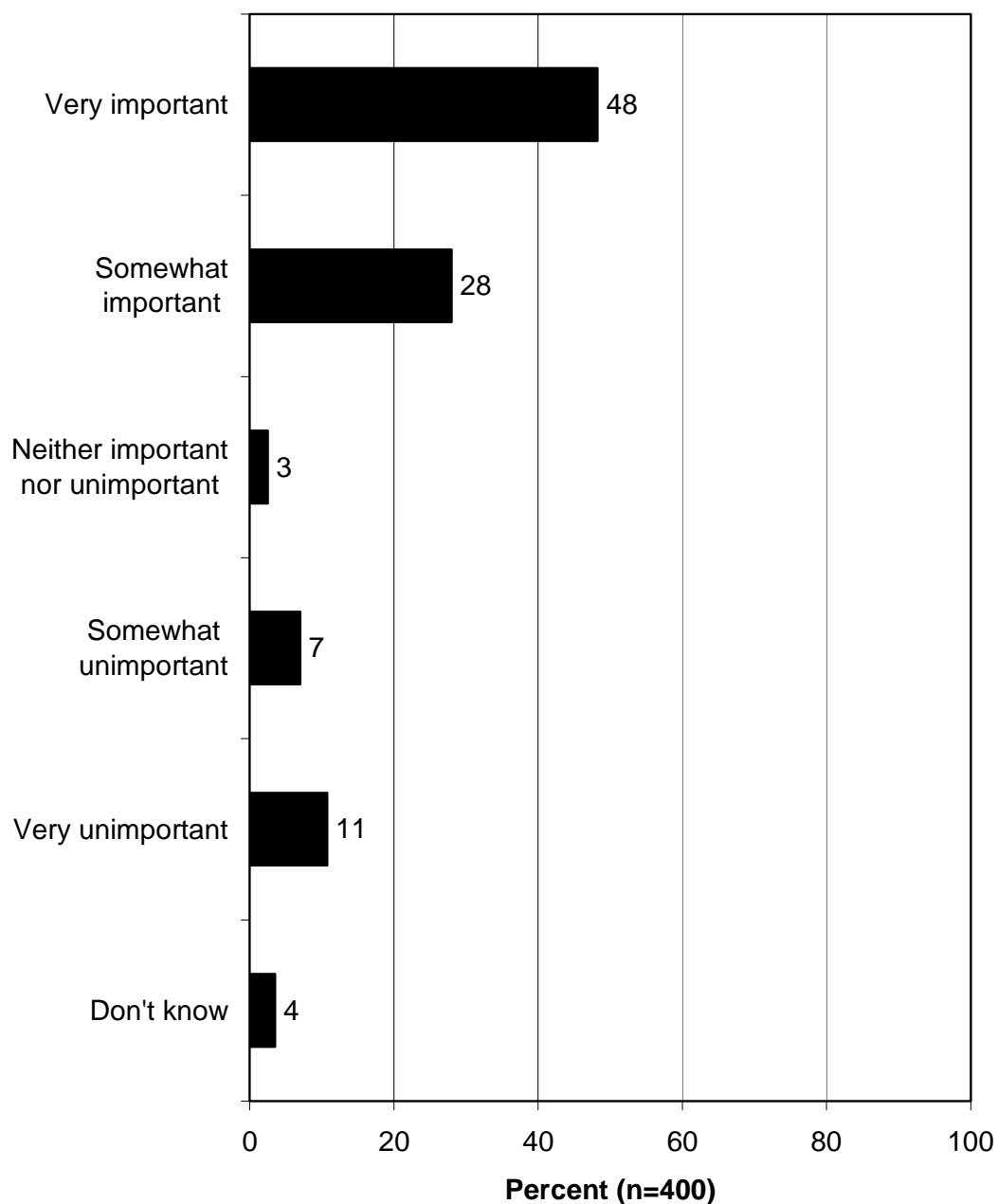
Q94. Do you think providing opportunities for the general public to view wildlife is an important or unimportant program for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources?



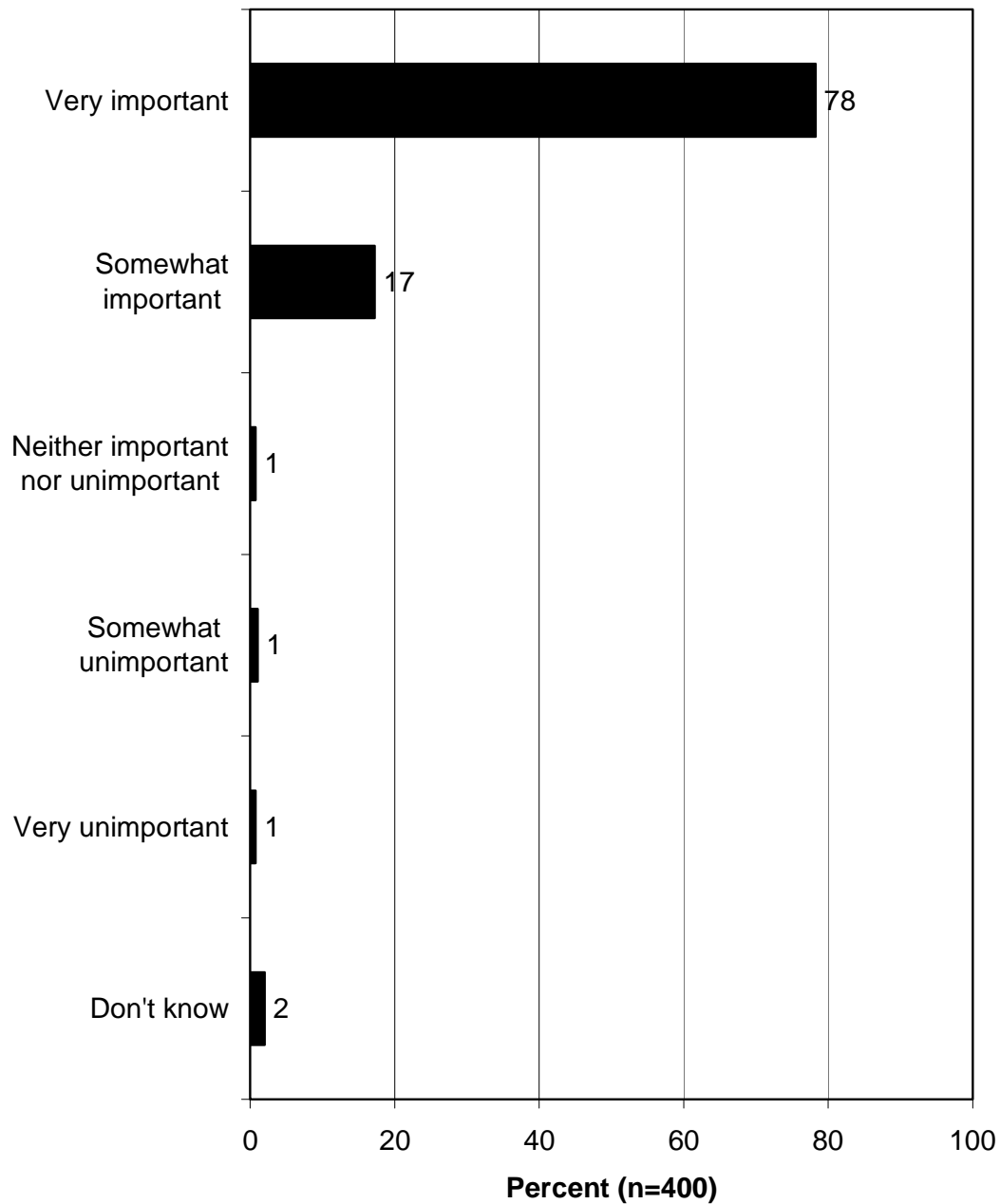
Q95. Do you think providing opportunities for recreational fishing is an important or unimportant program for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources?



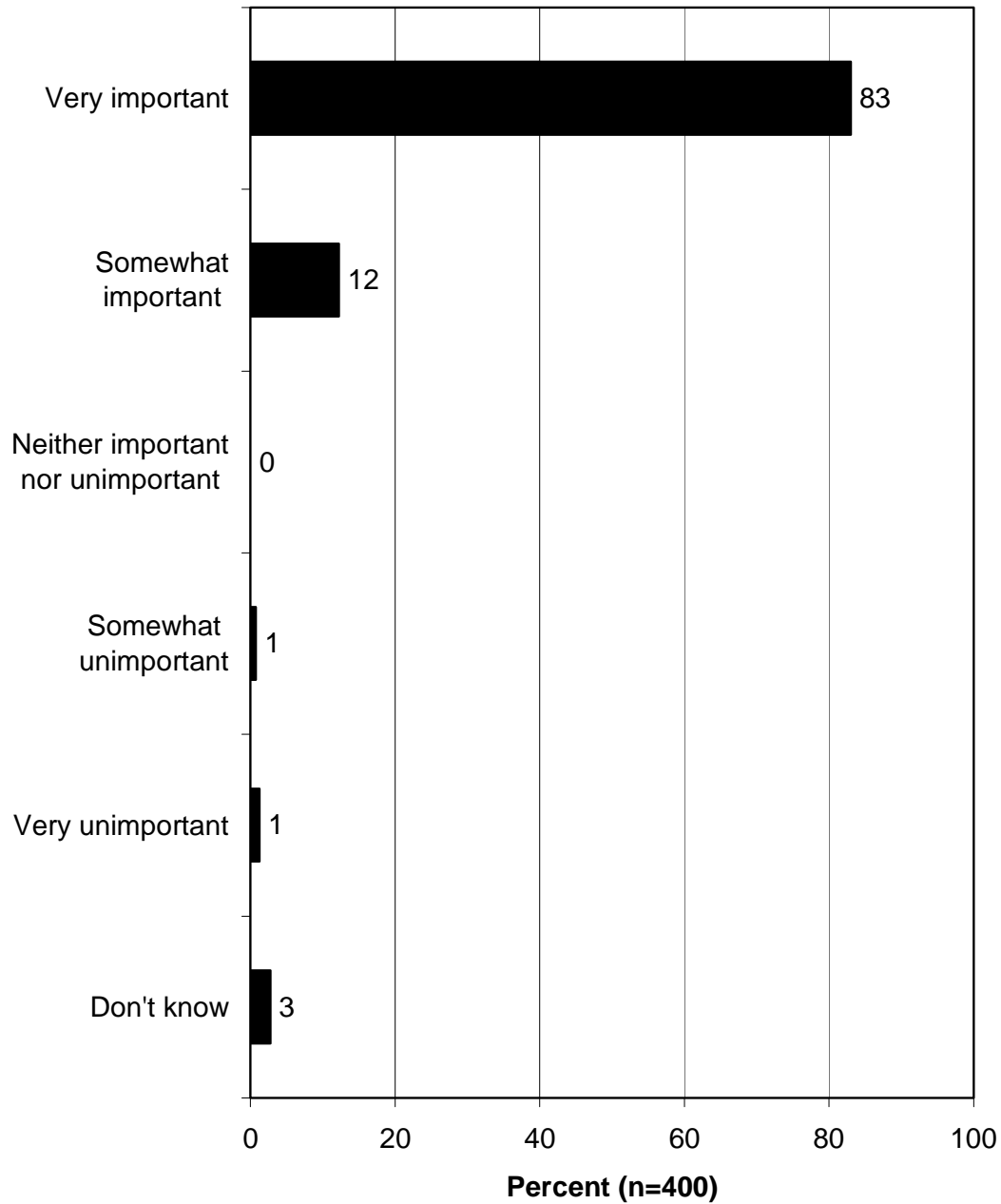
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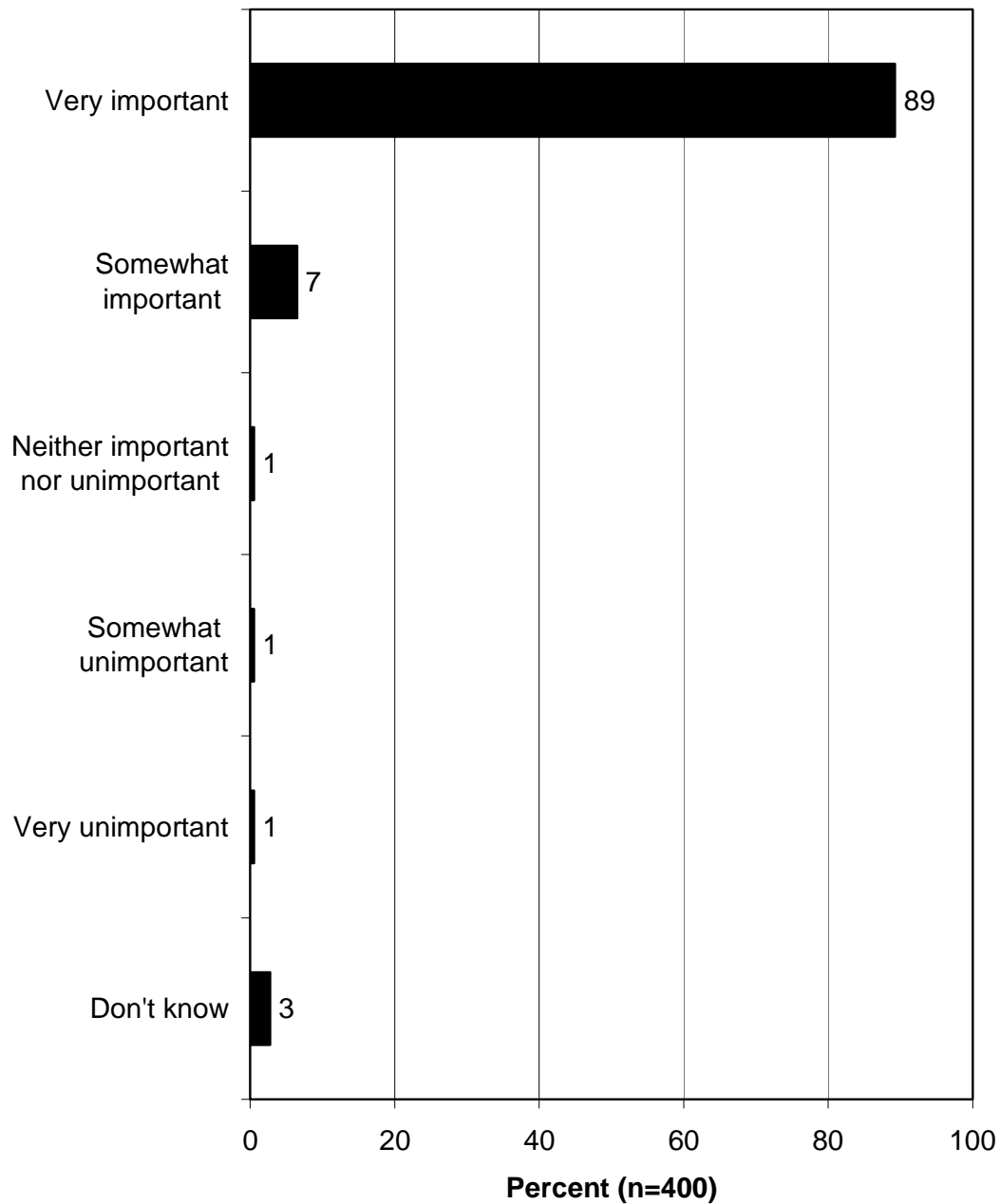
Q97. Do you think providing educational programs on the state's fish and wildlife is an important or unimportant program for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources?



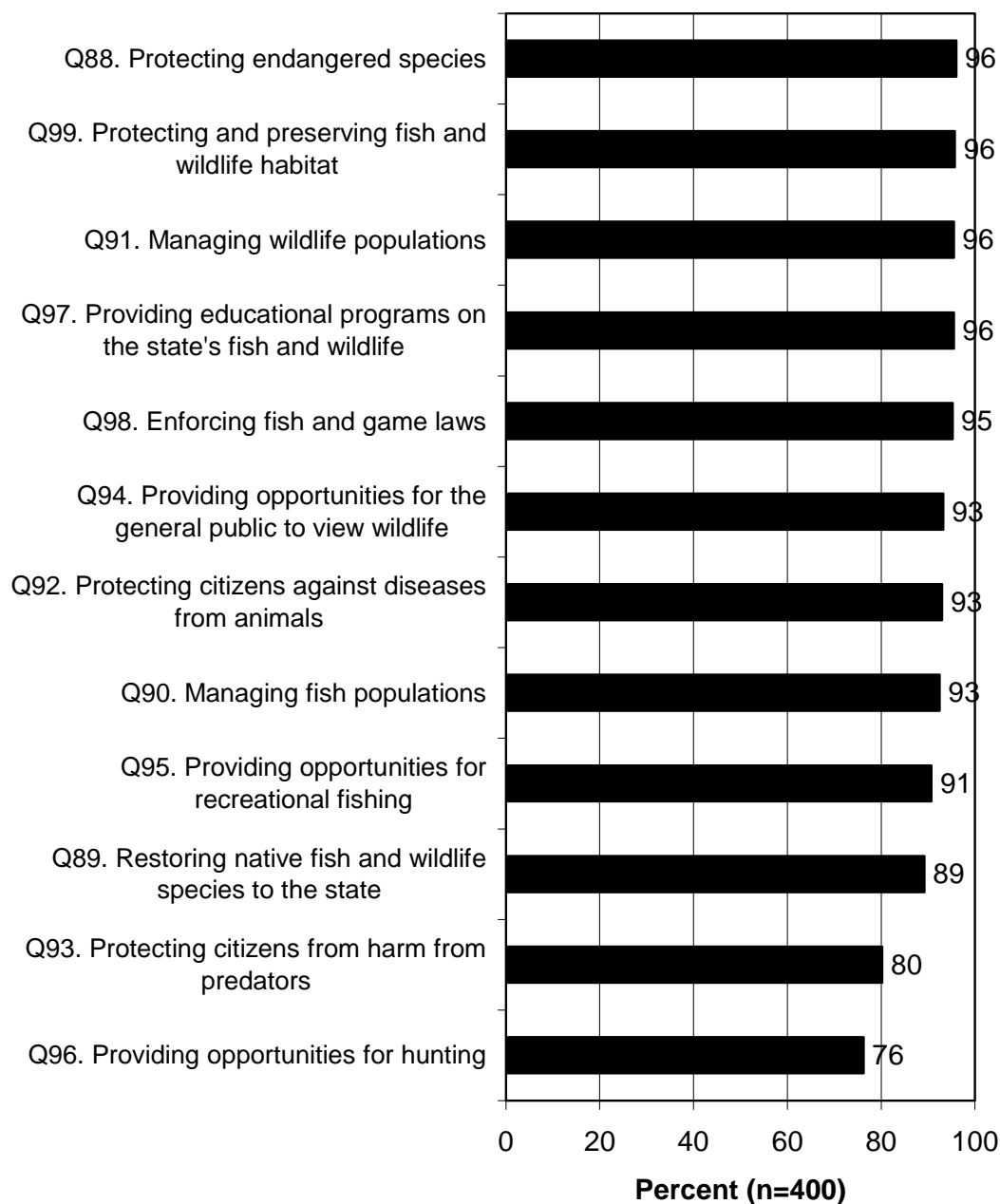
Q98. Do you think enforcing fish and game laws is an important or unimportant program for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources?



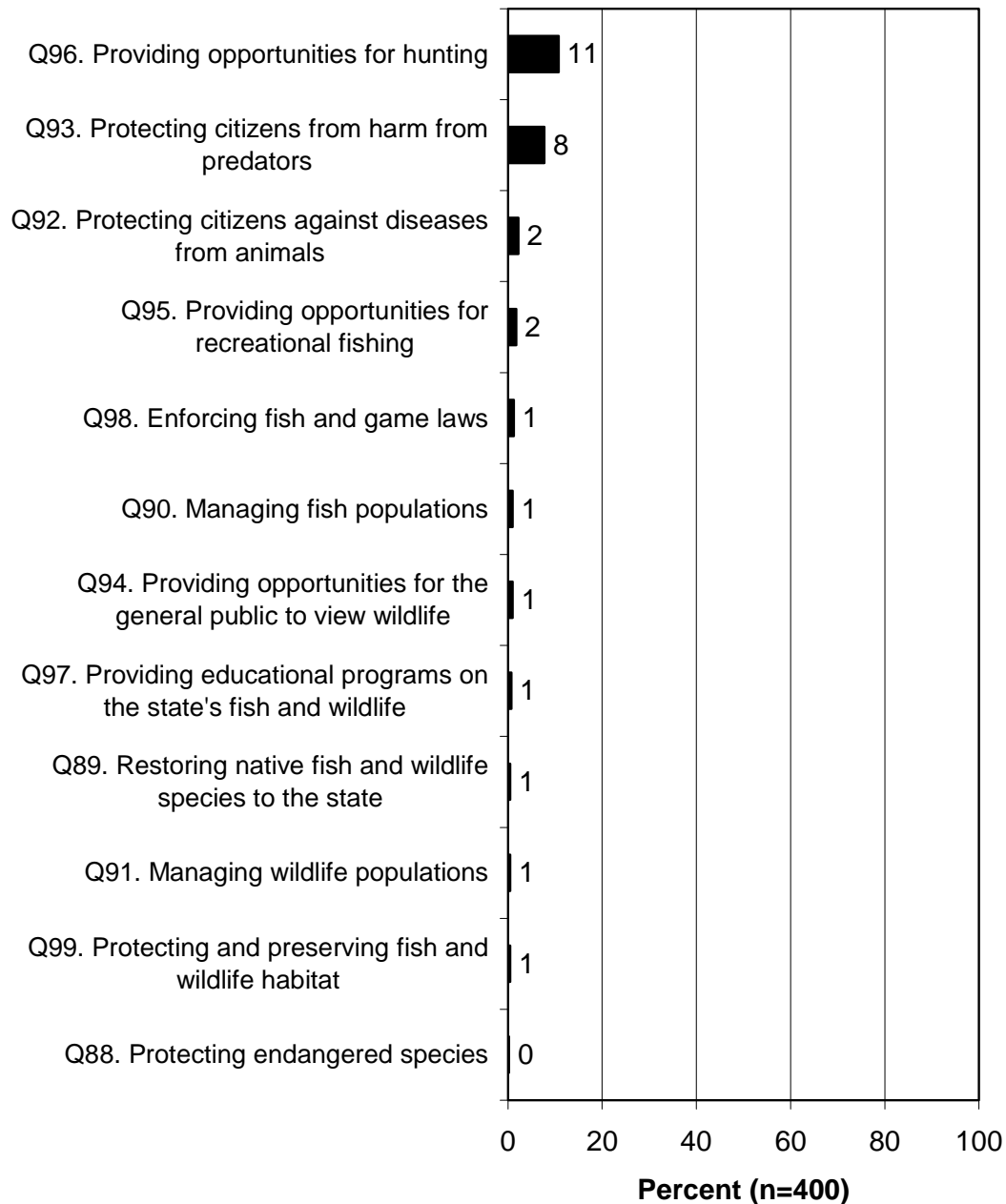
Q99. Do you think protecting and preserving fish and wildlife habitat is an important or unimportant program for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources?



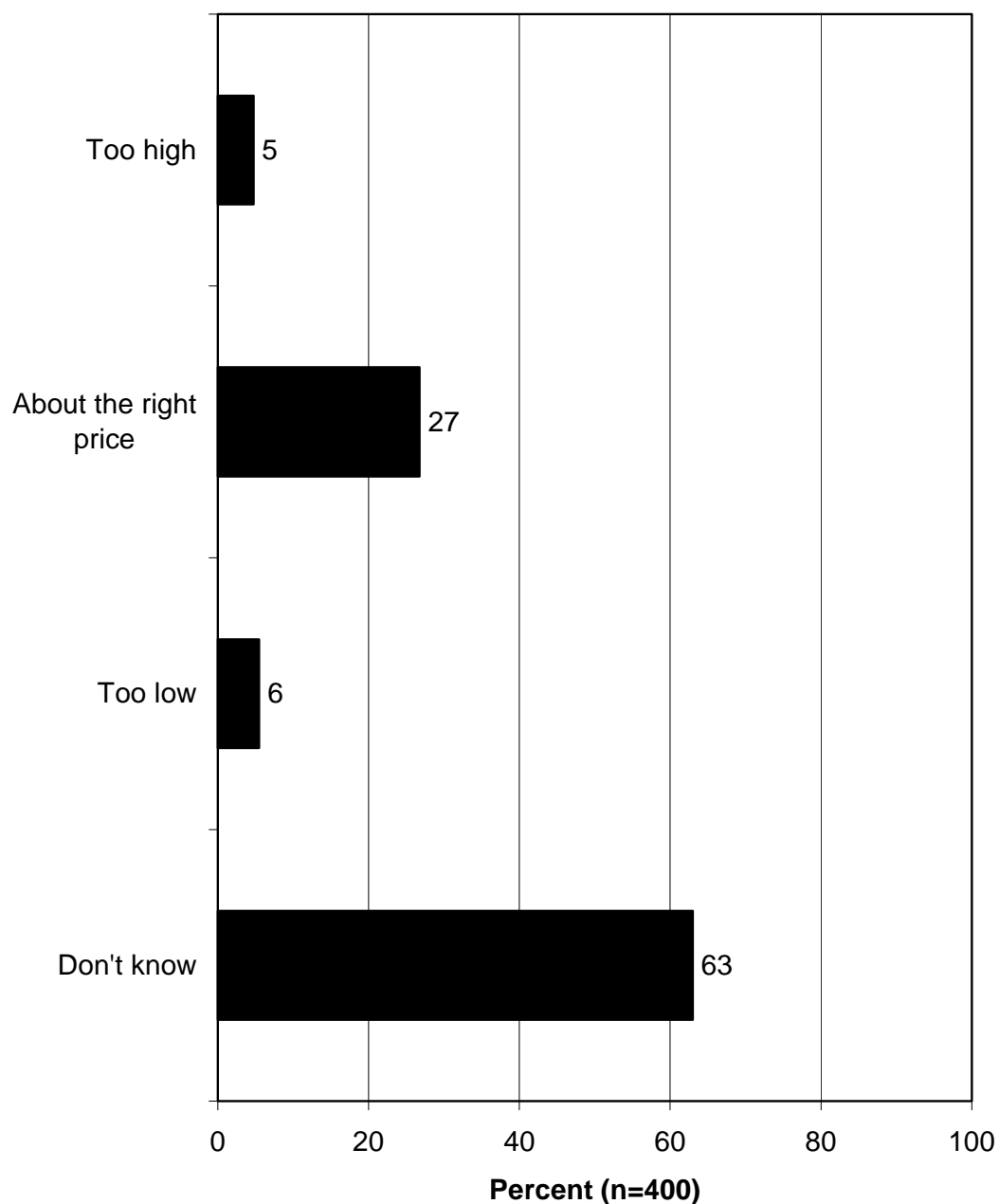
Q88-99. Percent who think the following are very or somewhat important programs for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.



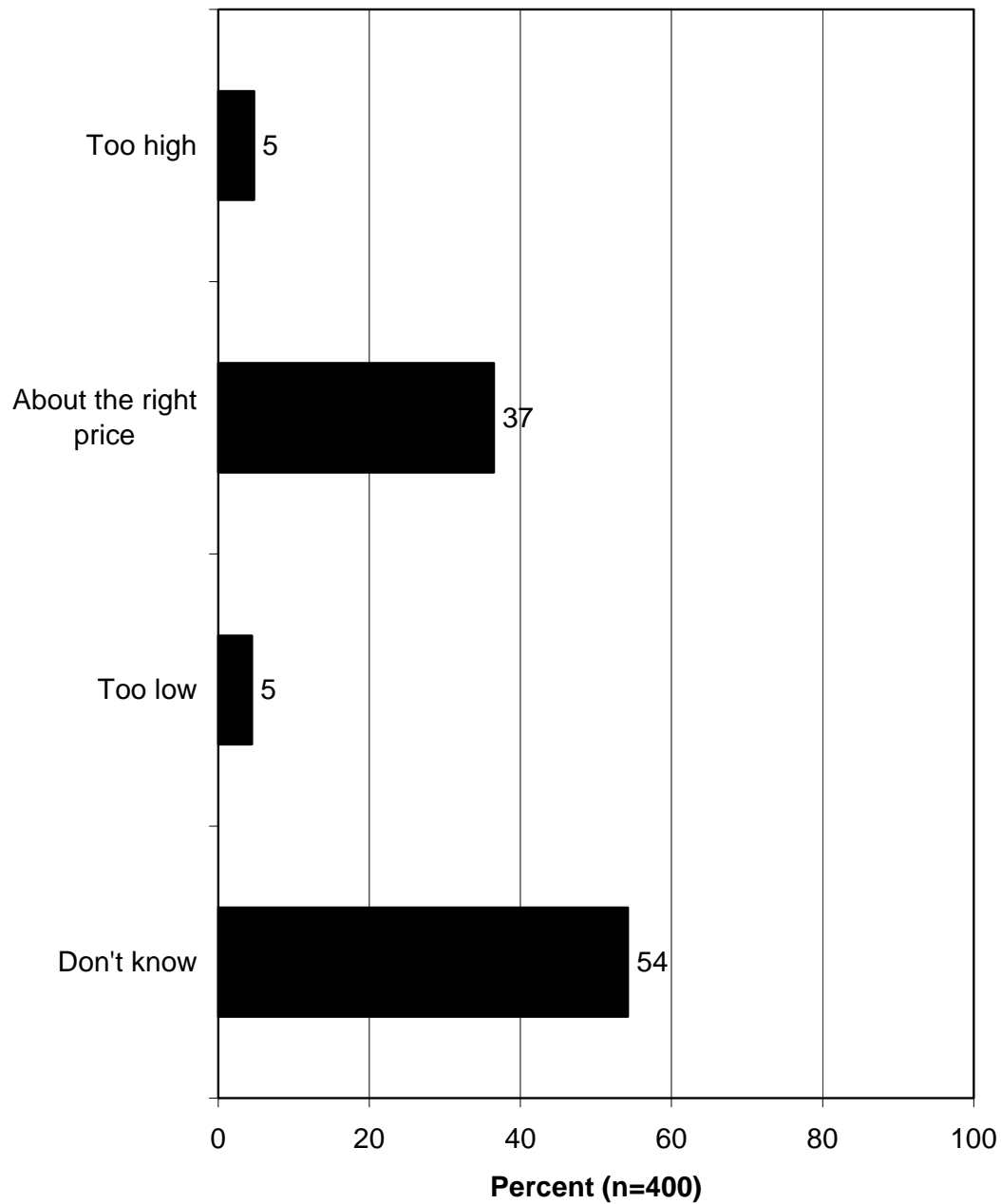
Q88-99. Percent who think the following are very unimportant programs for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.



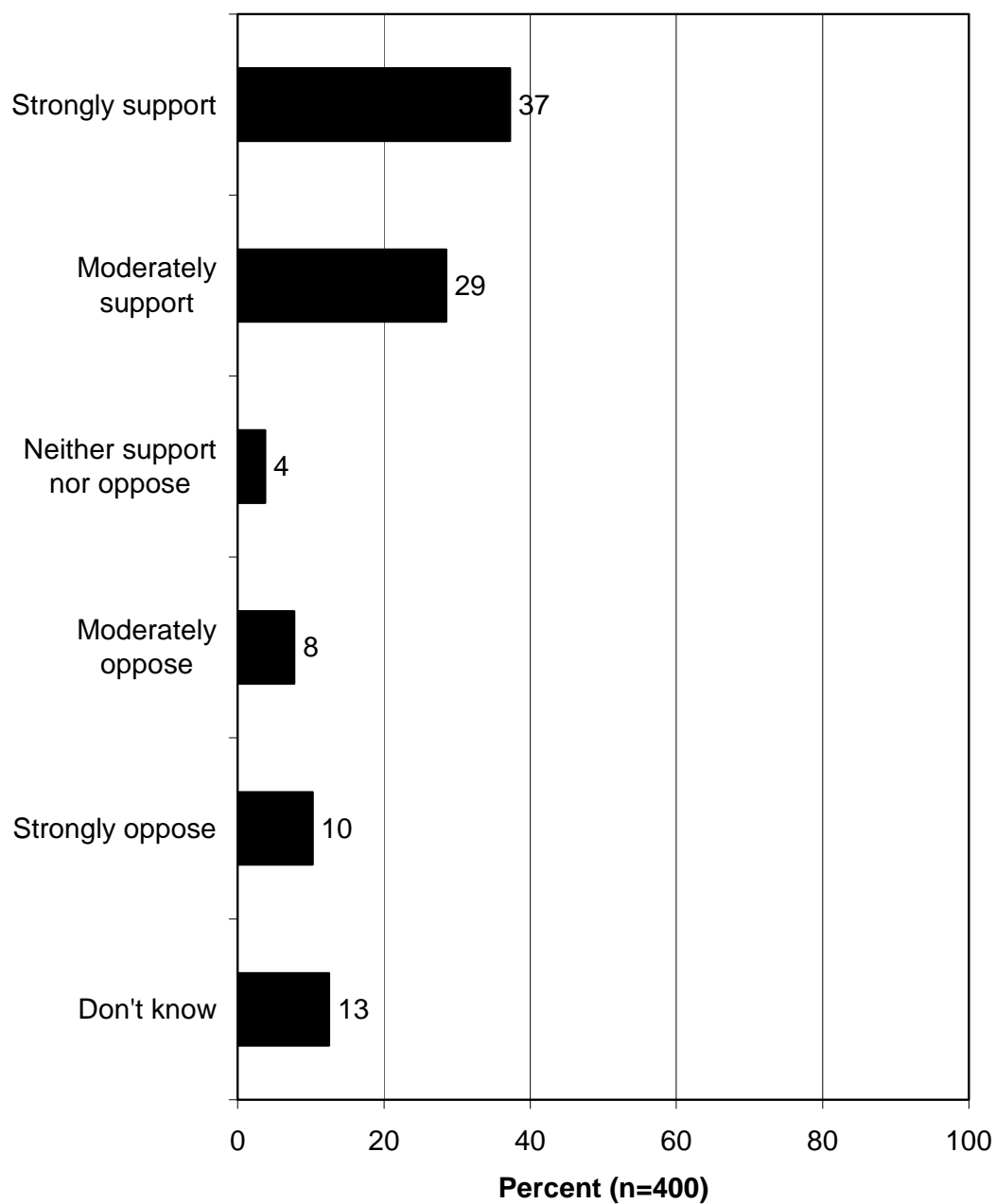
Q113. Overall, do you think the fees for hunting licenses are too high, too low, or about the right price in Maryland?



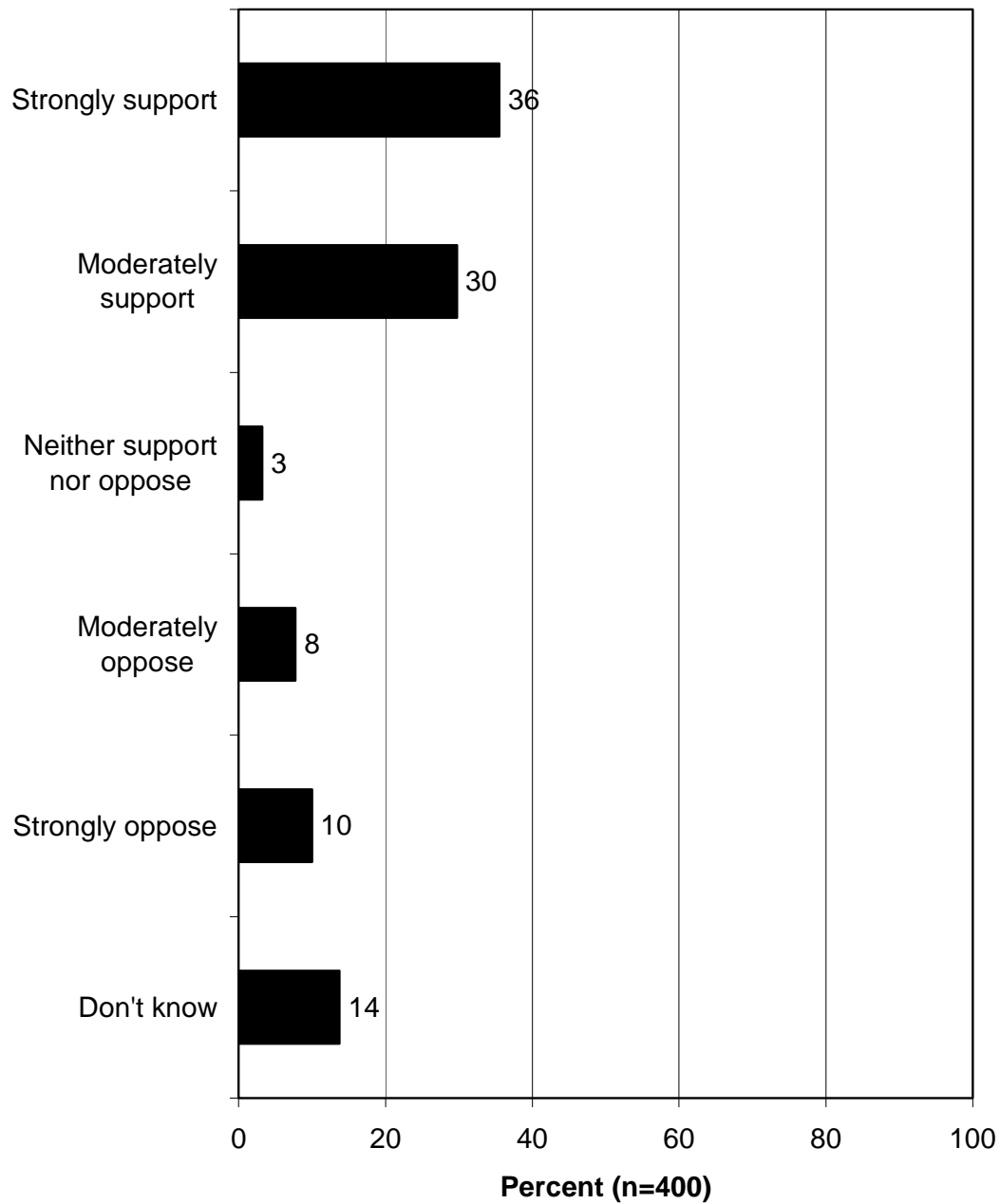
Q114. Overall, do you think the fees for fishing licenses are too high, too low, or about the right price in Maryland?



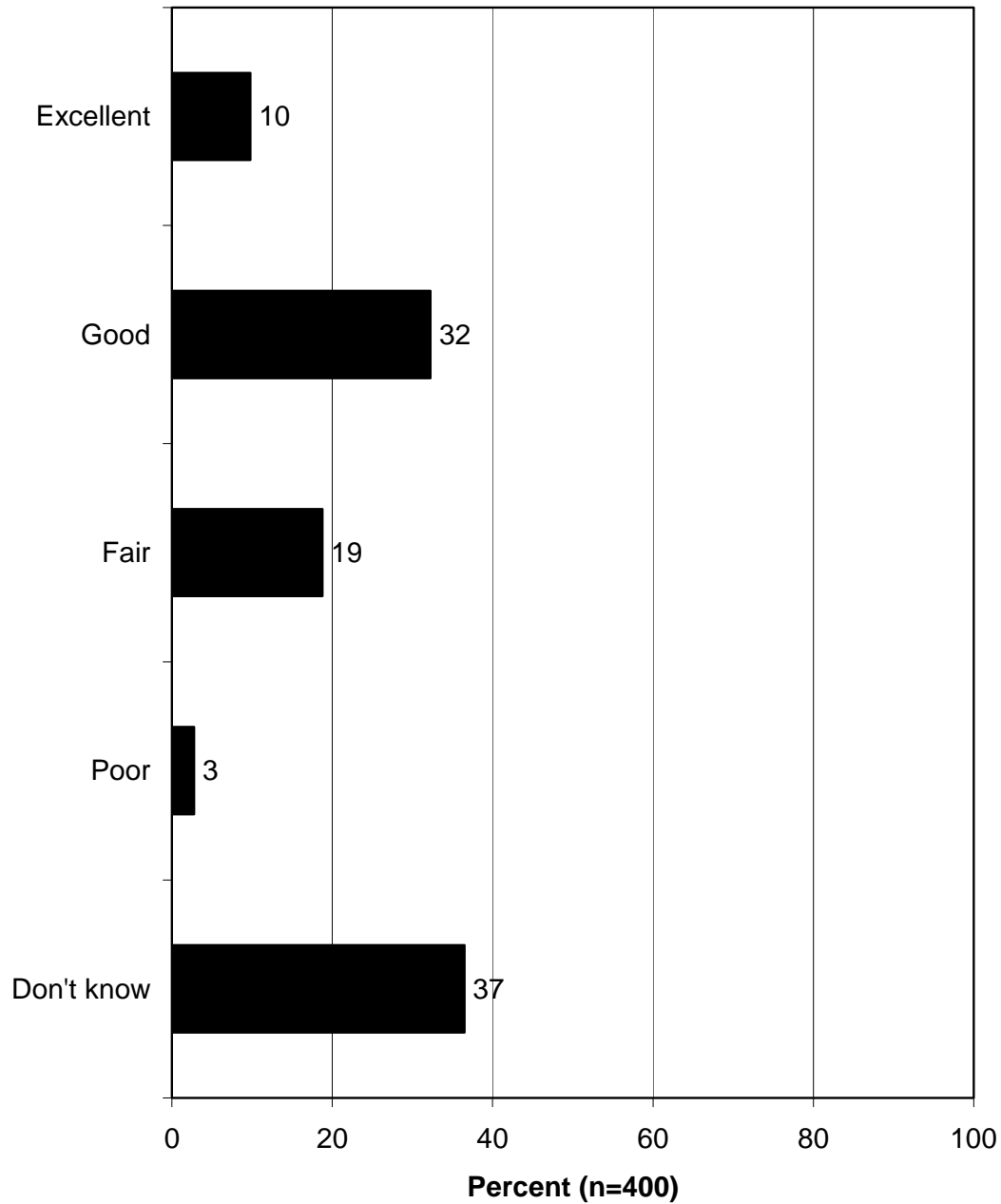
Q115. Would you support or oppose increases in user fees, such as hunting and fishing licenses, to cover the costs of protecting and managing fish and wildlife?



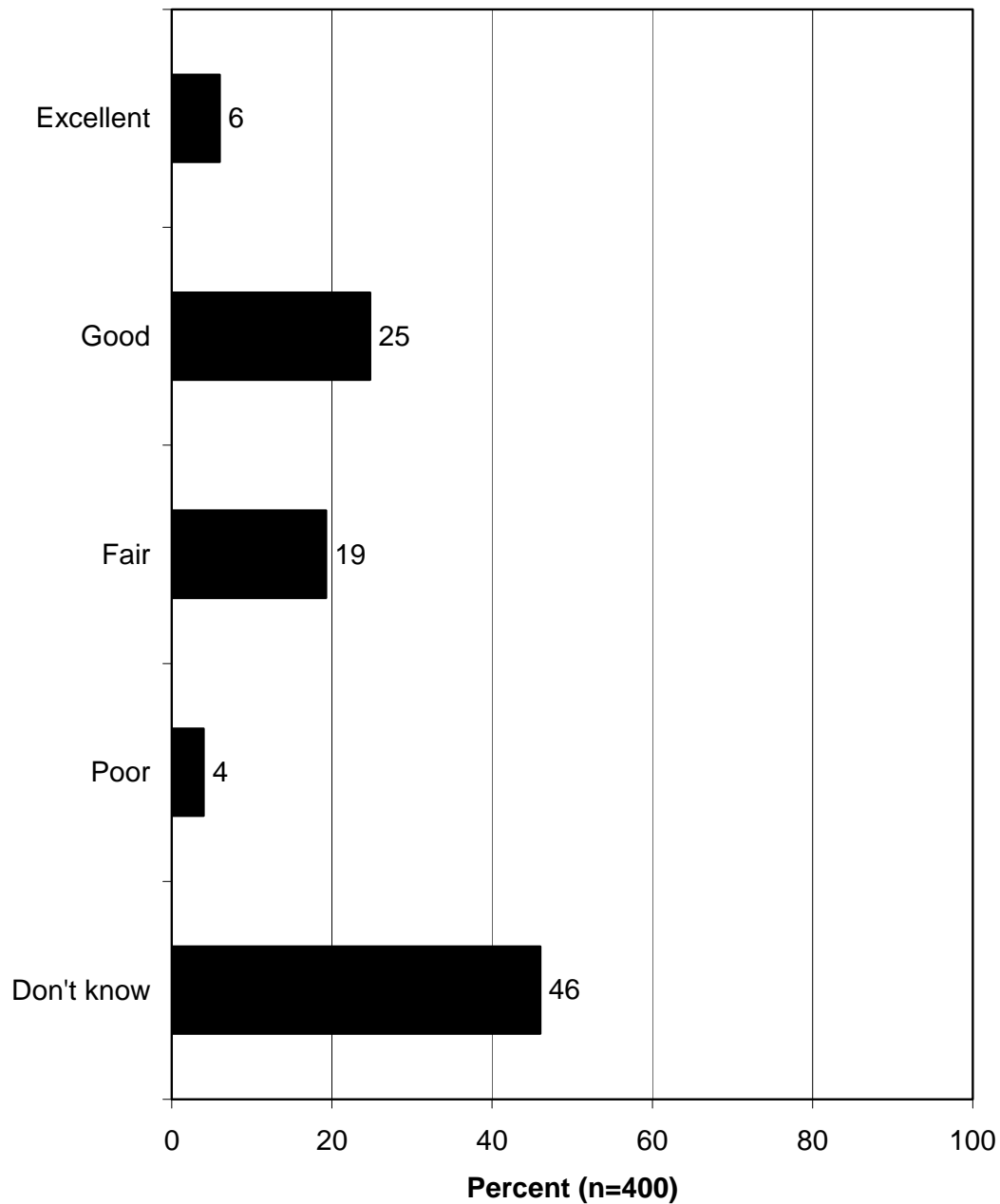
Q116. Would you support or oppose increases in user fees, such as hunting and fishing licenses, if it meant more opportunities for these activities?



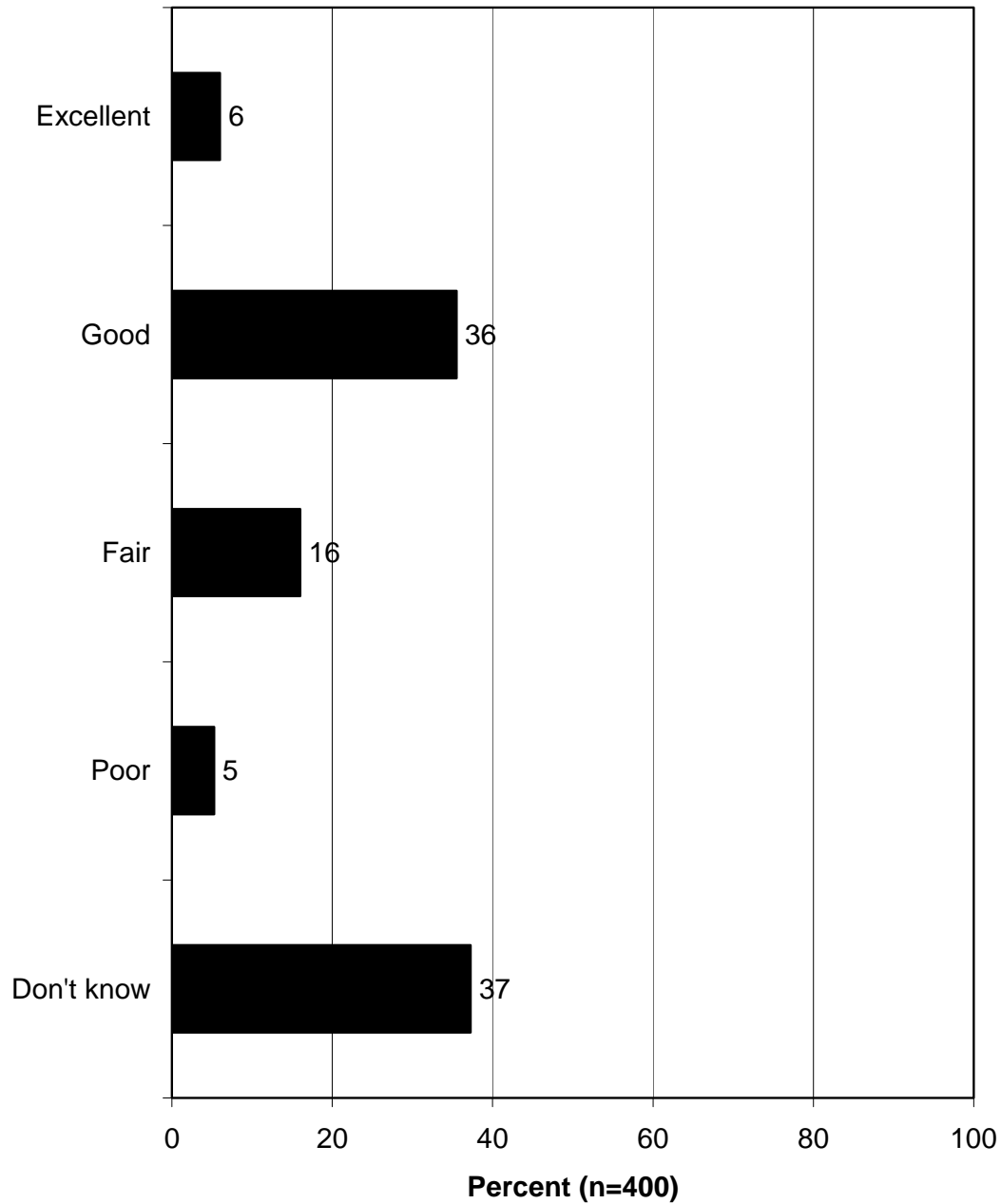
Q141. Would you say the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of protecting endangered species?



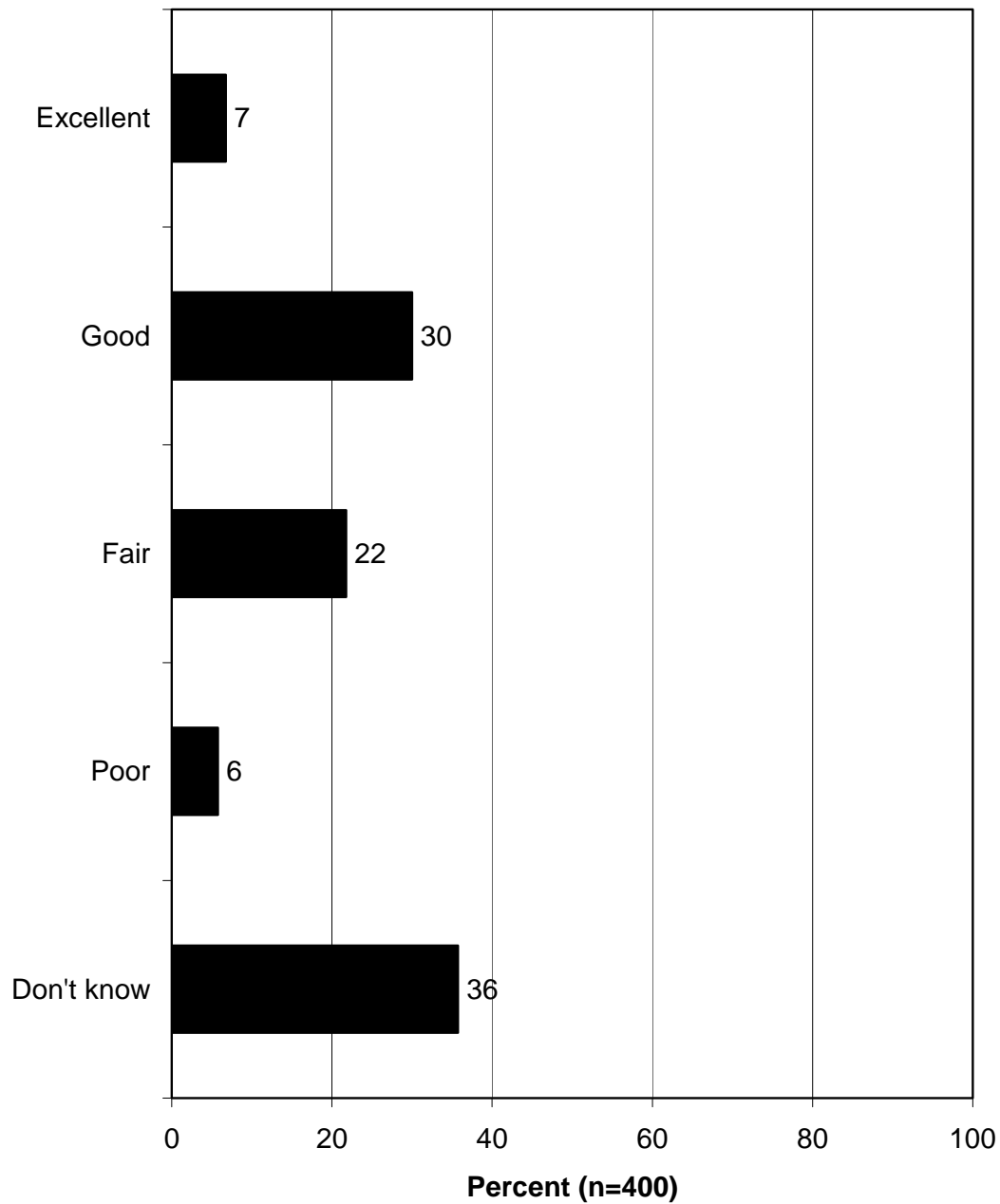
Q142. Would you say the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of restoring native fish and wildlife species to the state?



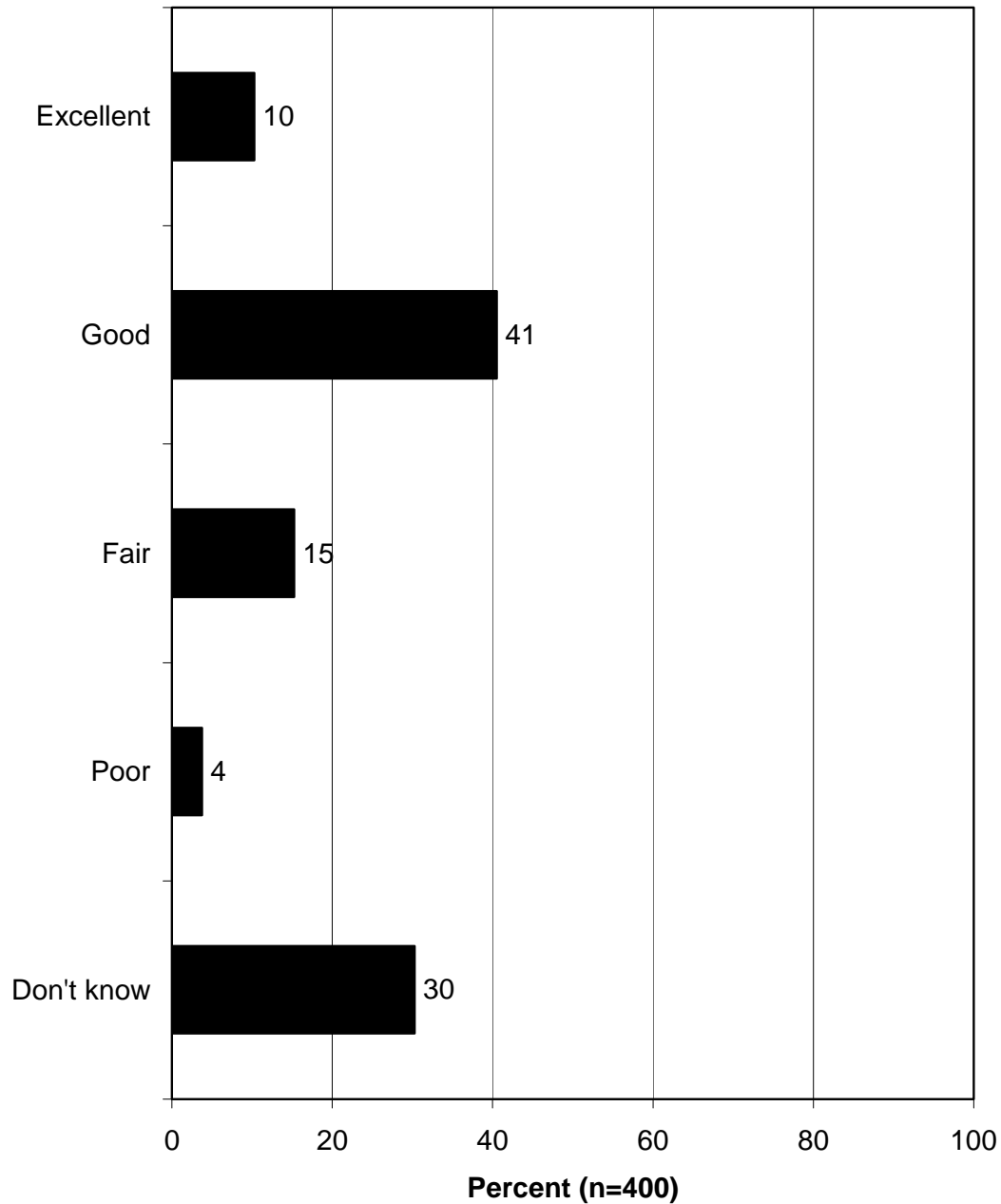
Q143. Would you say the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of managing fish populations?



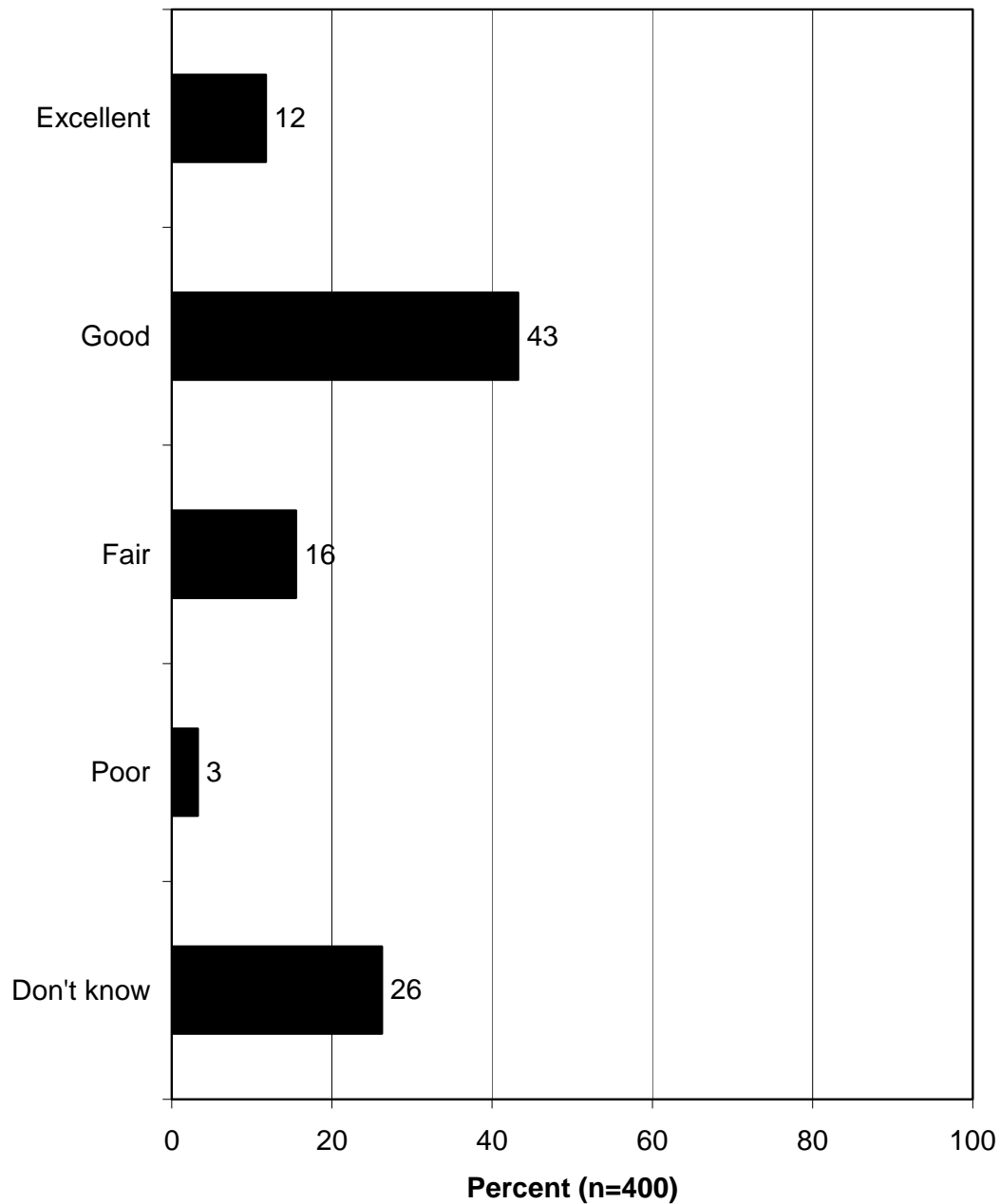
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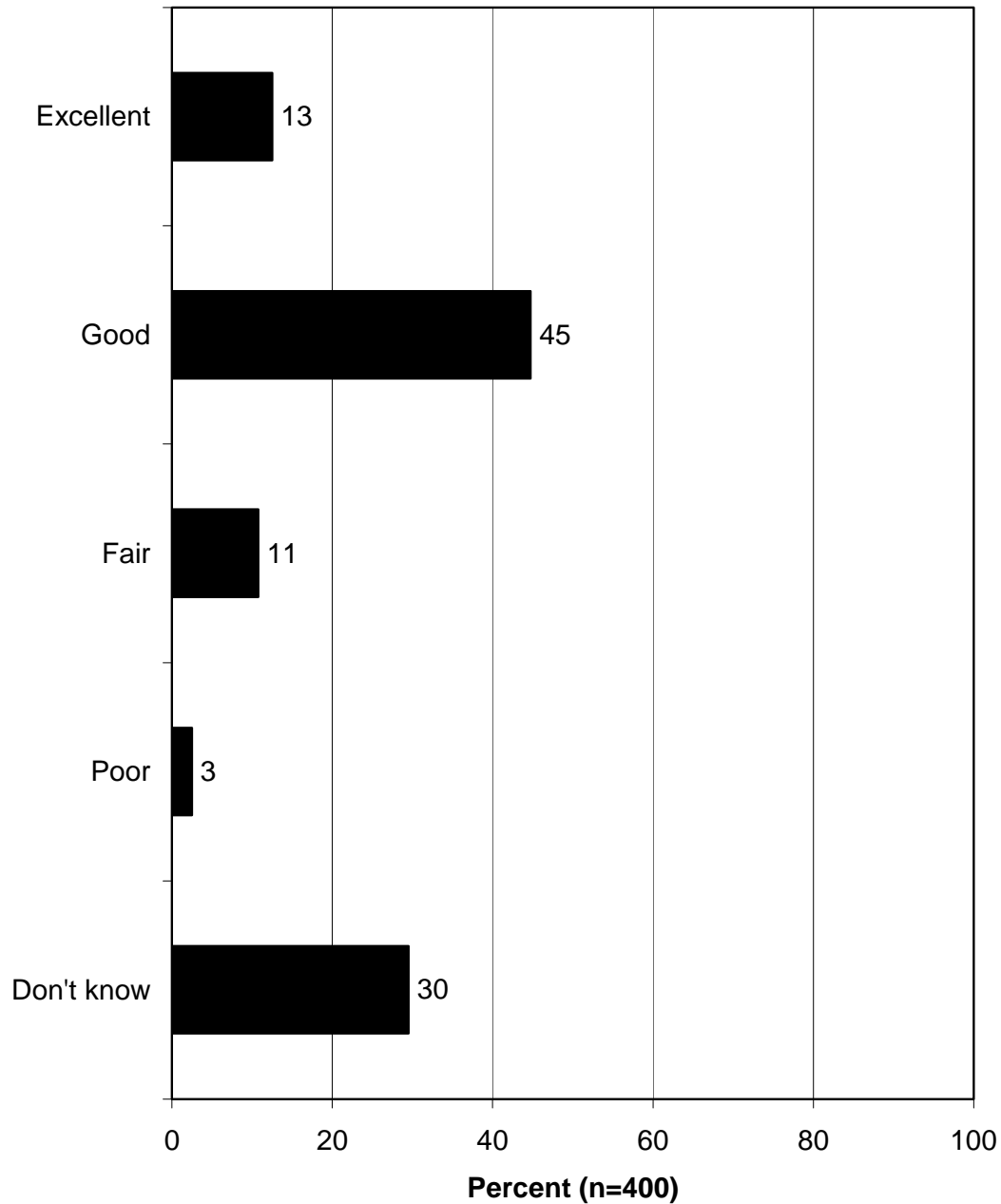
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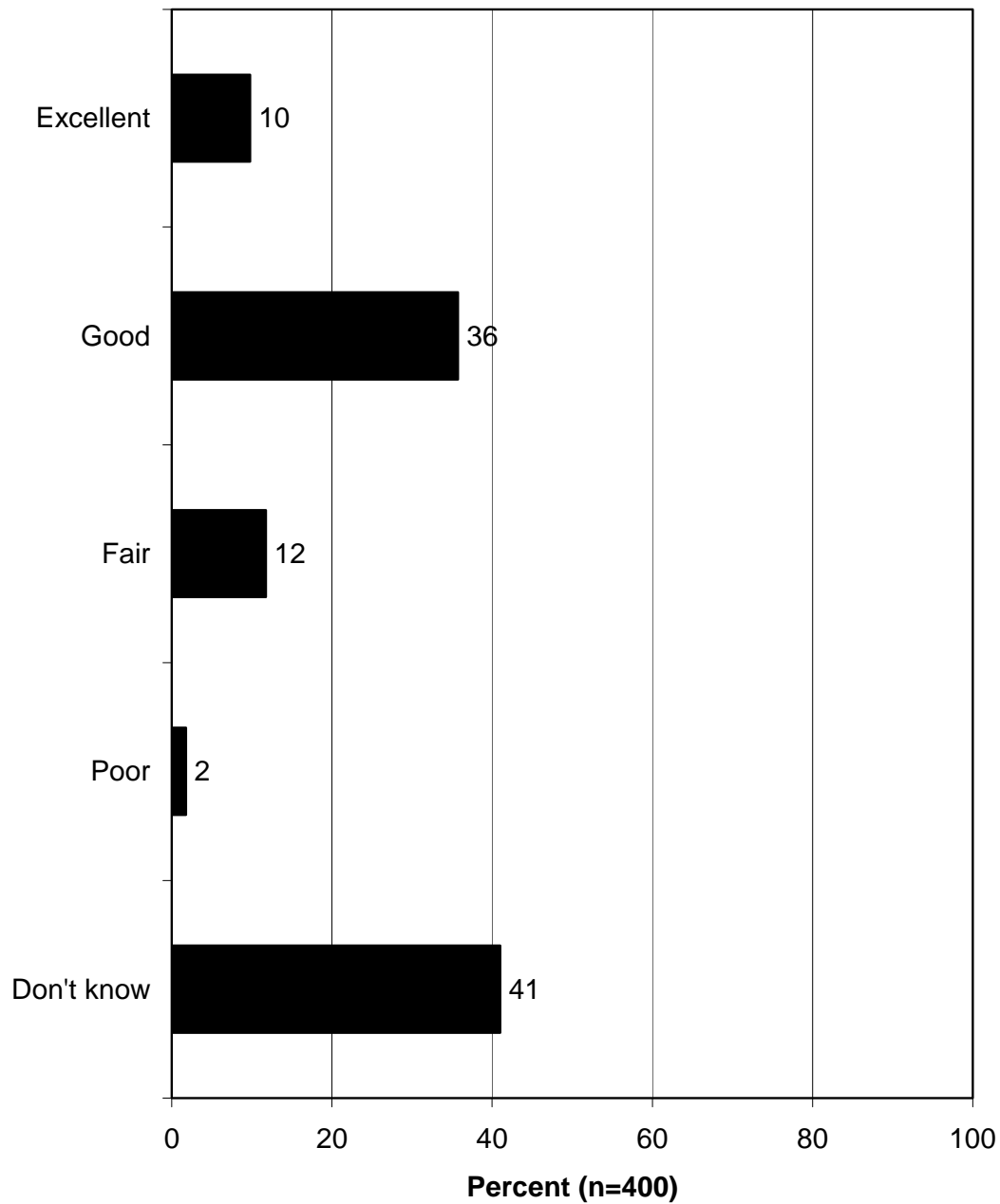
Q146. Would you say the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of providing opportunities for the general public to view wildlife?



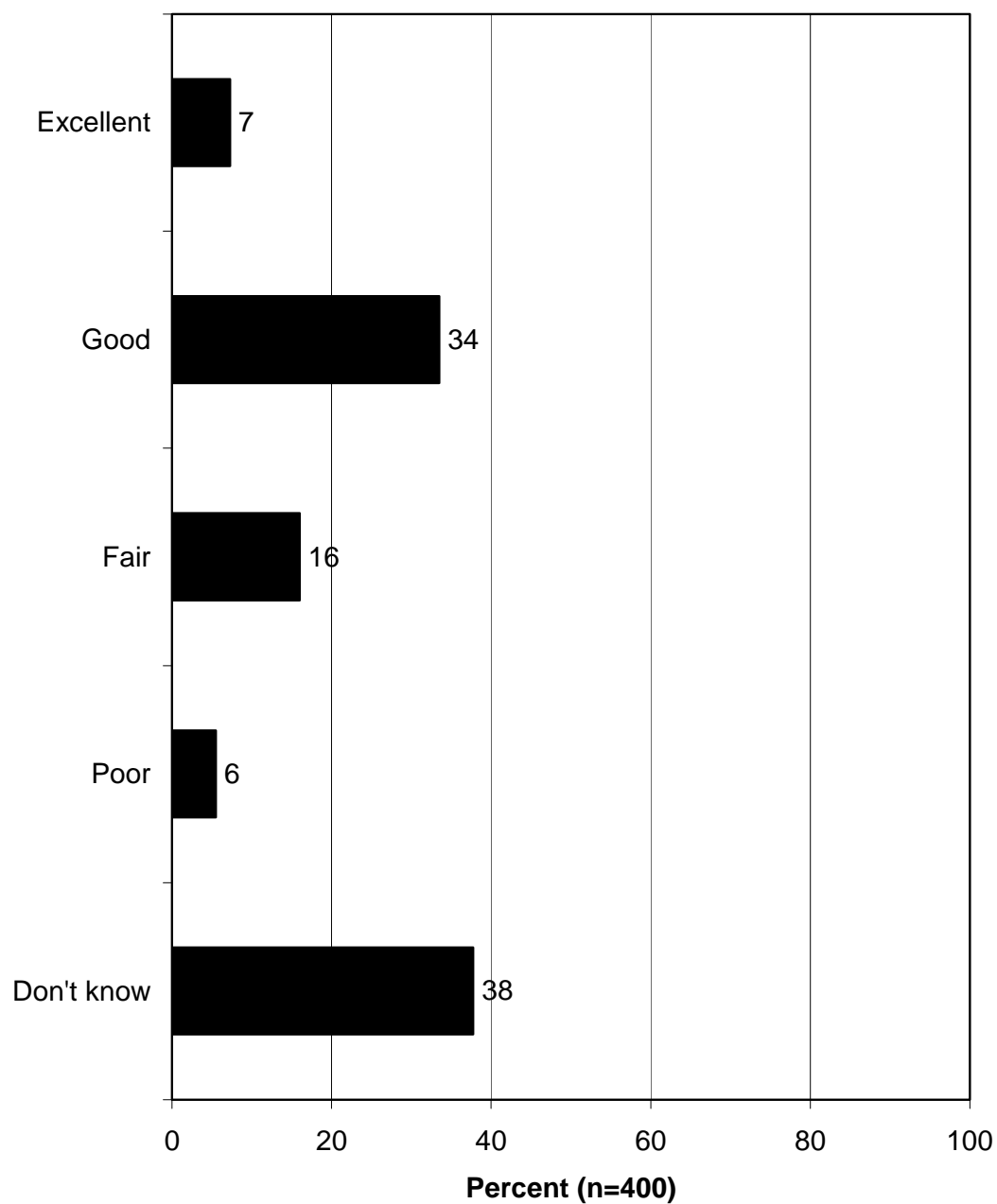
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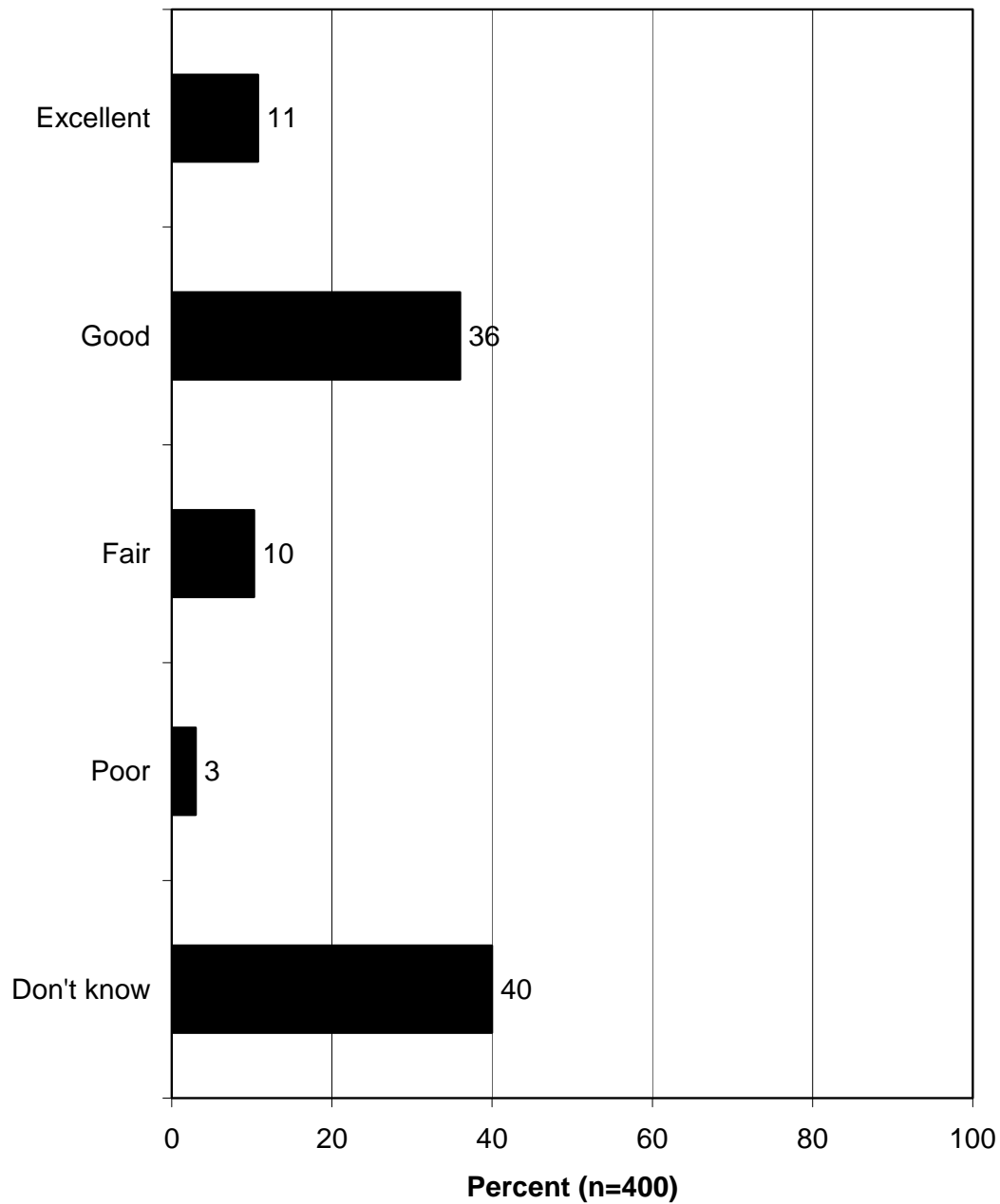
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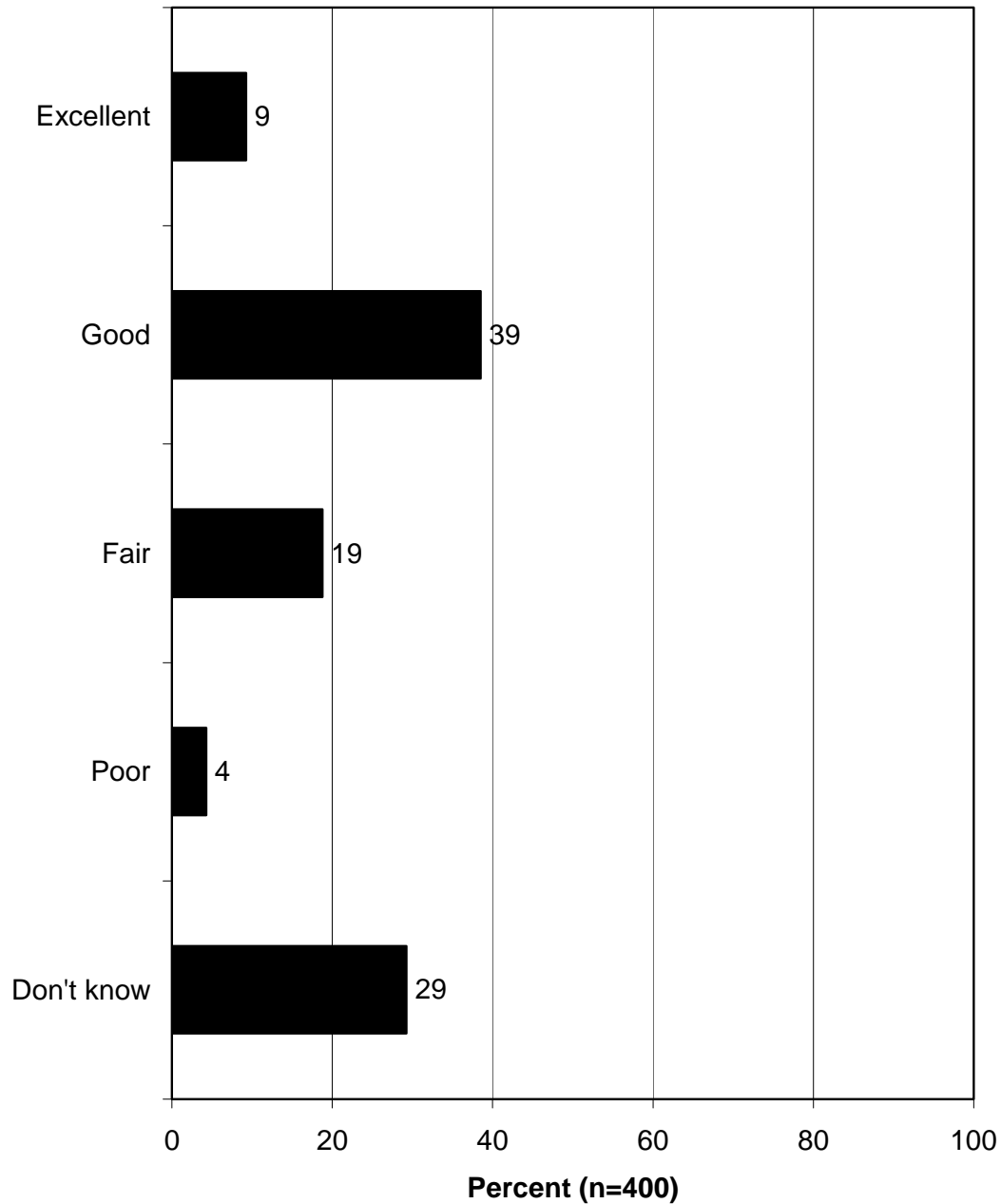
Q149. Would you say the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of providing educational programs regarding fish and wildlife?



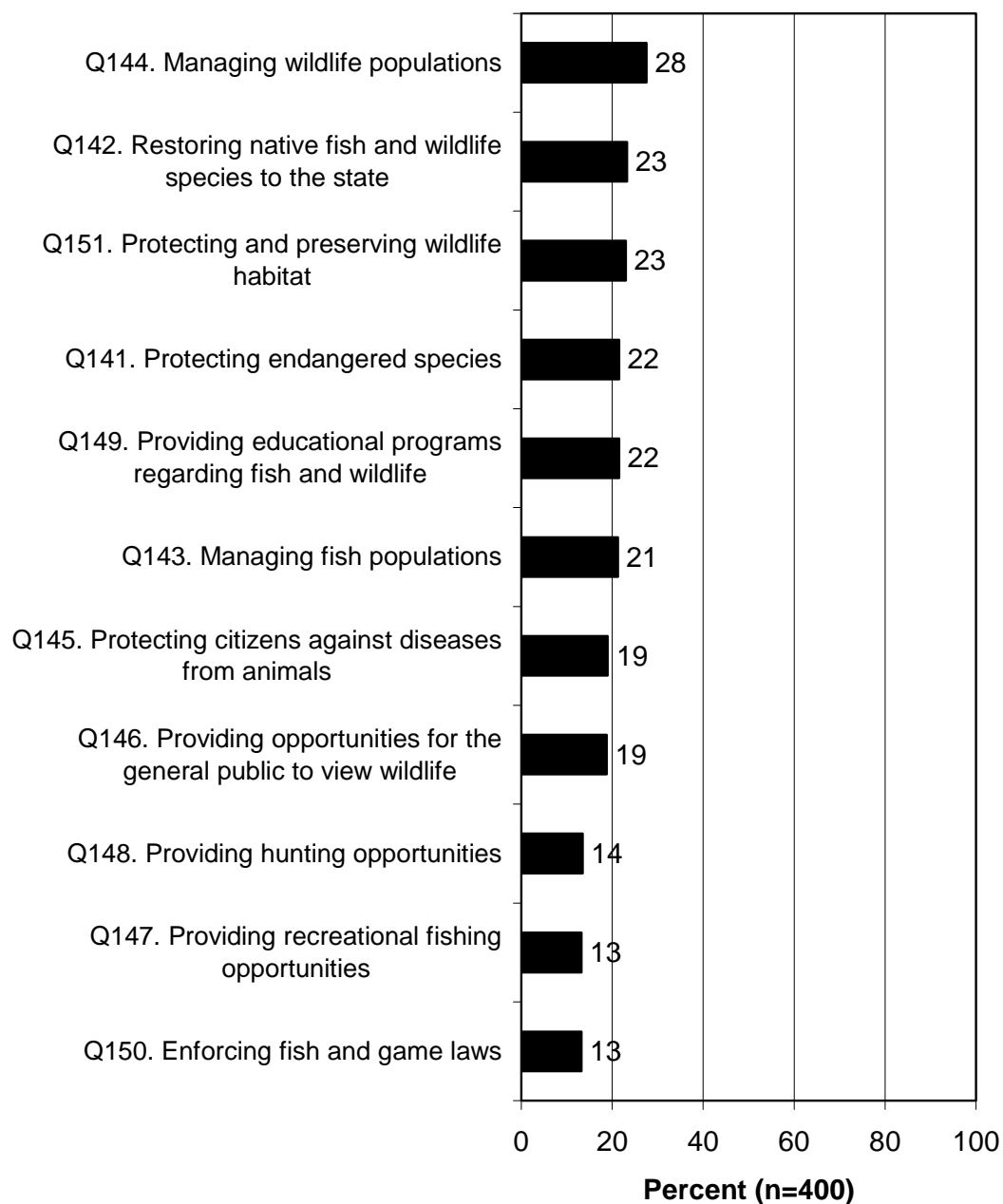
Q150. Would you say the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of enforcing fish and game laws?



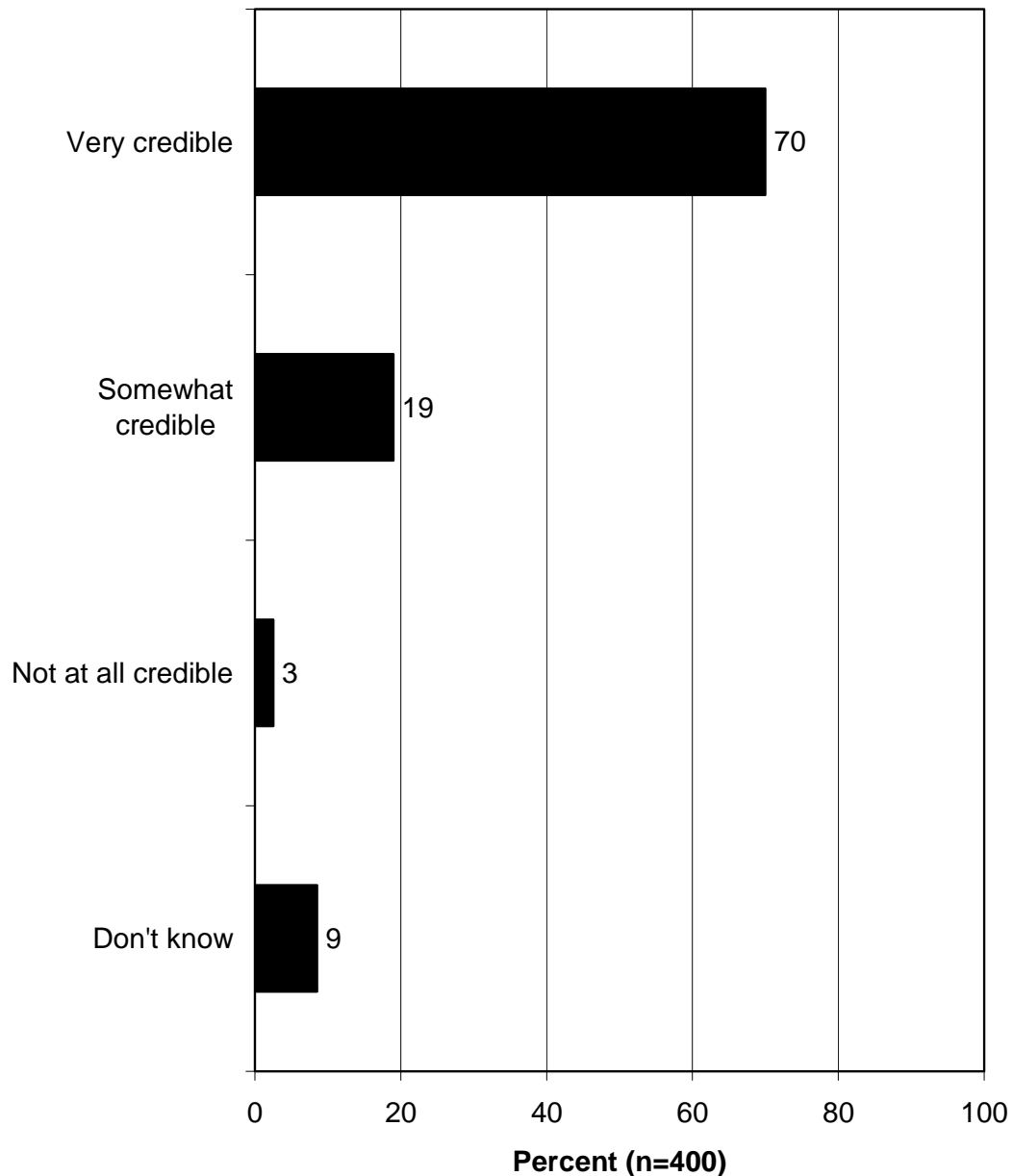
Q151. Would you say the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job of protecting and preserving wildlife habitat?



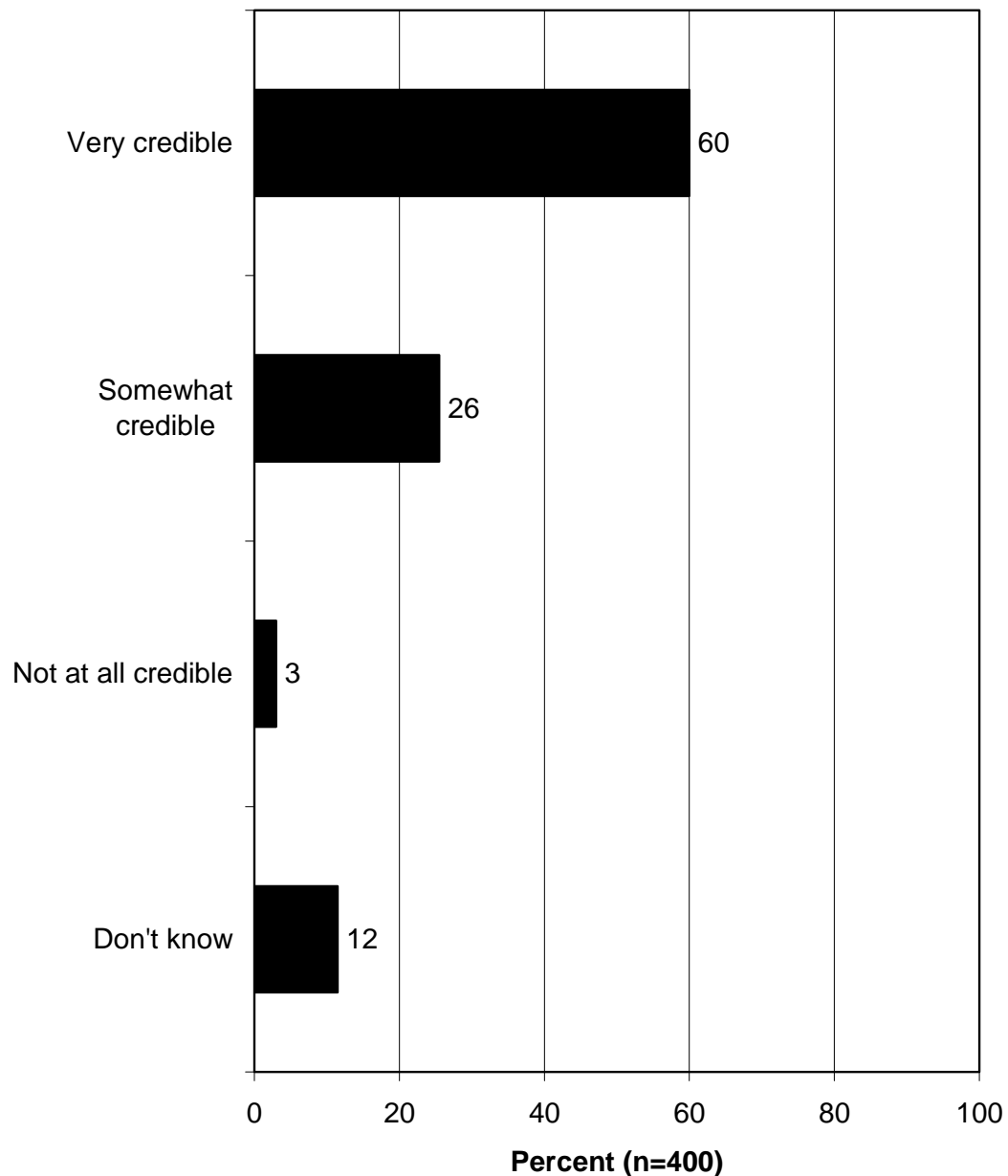
Q141-151. Percent saying that the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is doing a fair or poor job at the following efforts.



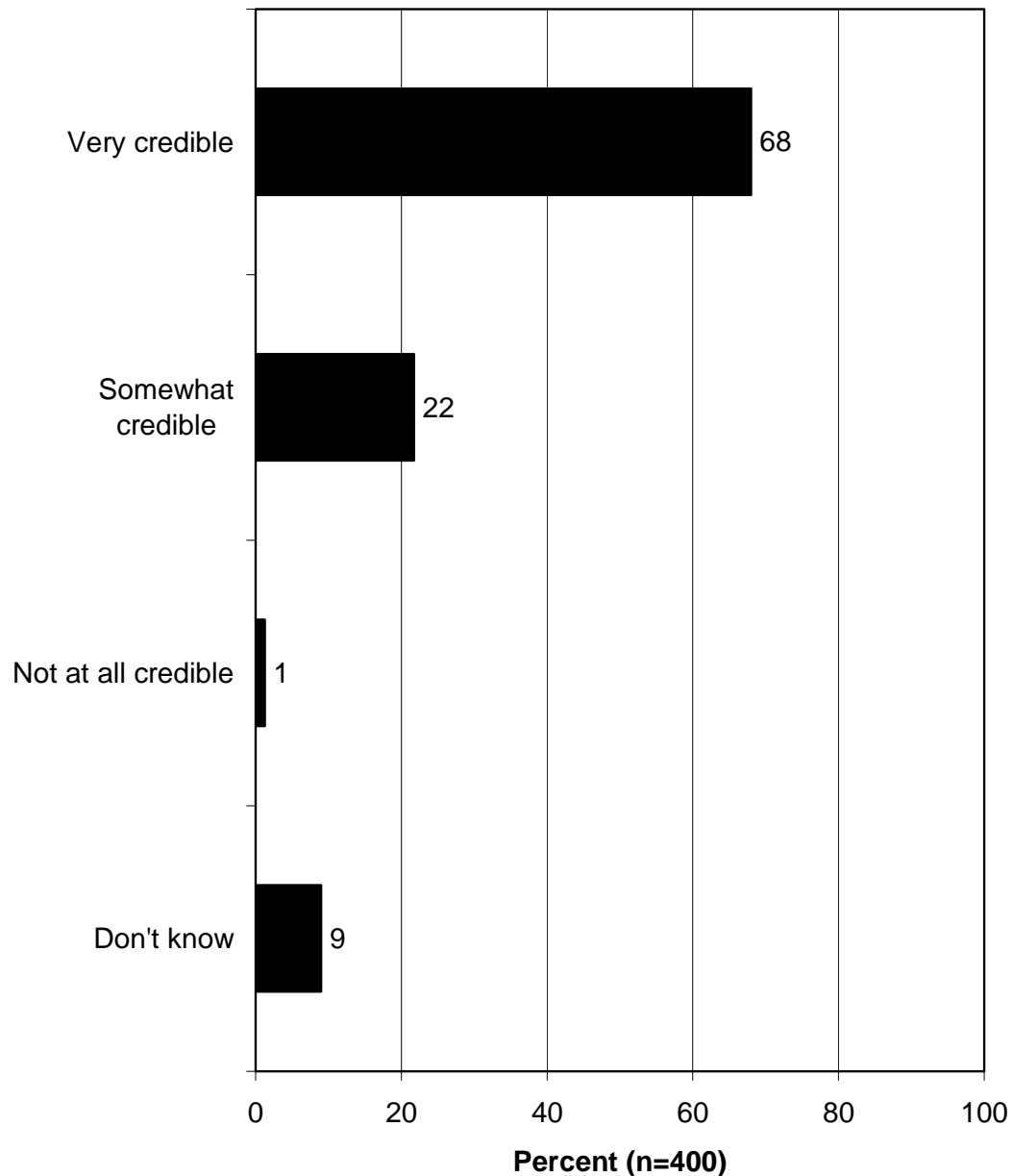
Q279. Do you think a biologist with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible as a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation?



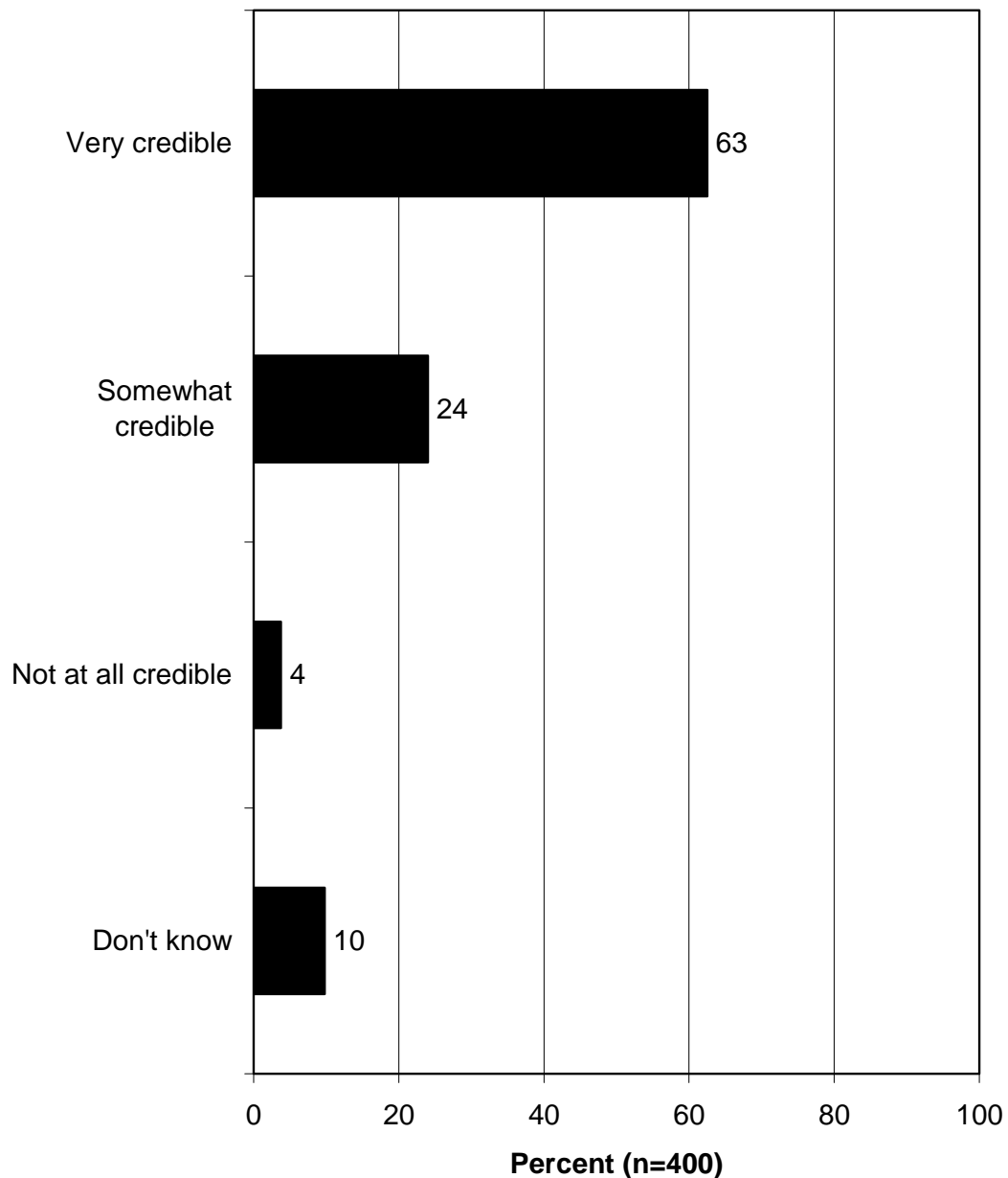
Q280. Do you think a biologist from the State department of environmental protection is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible as a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation?



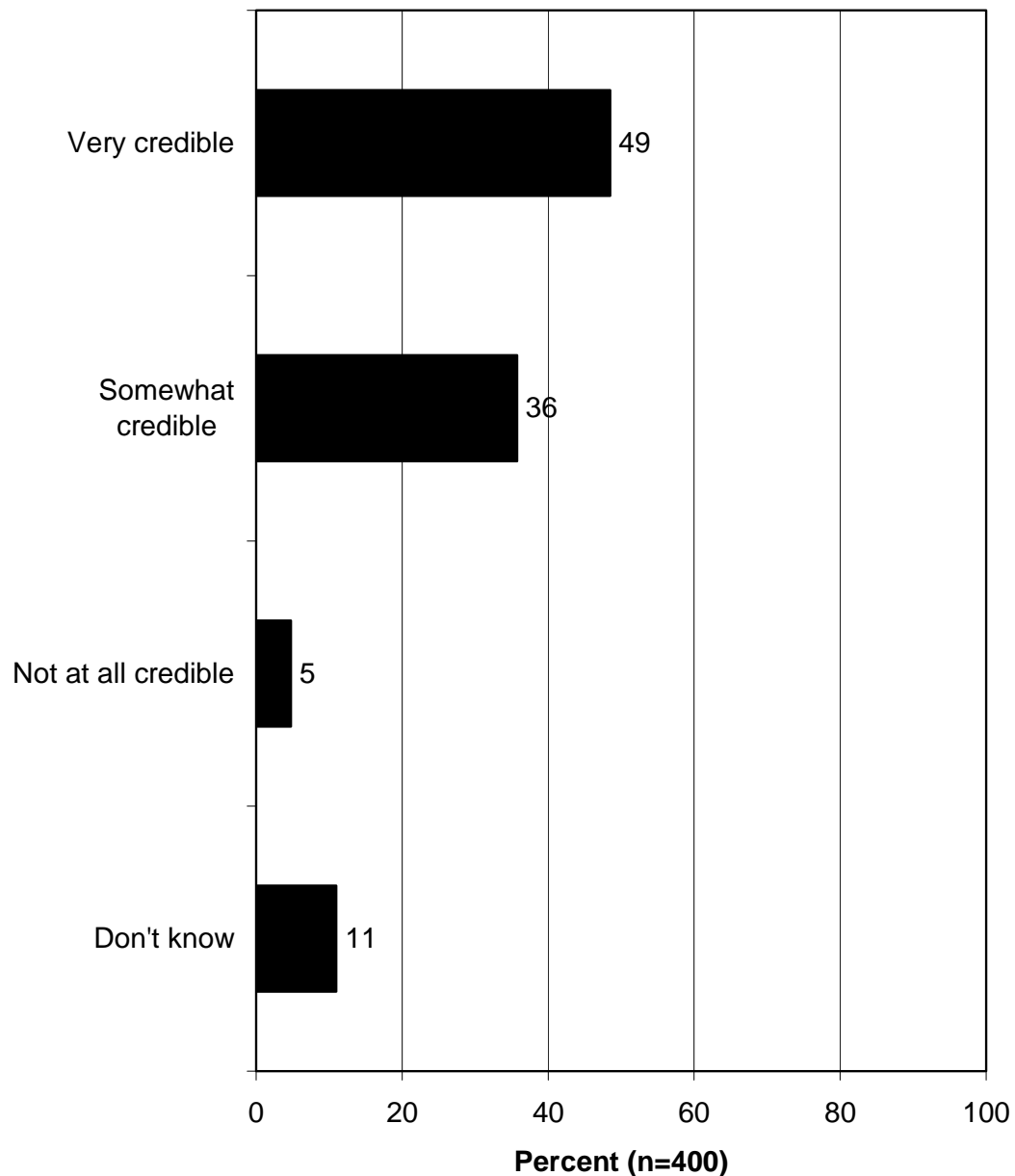
Q281. Do you think a biologist from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible as a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation?



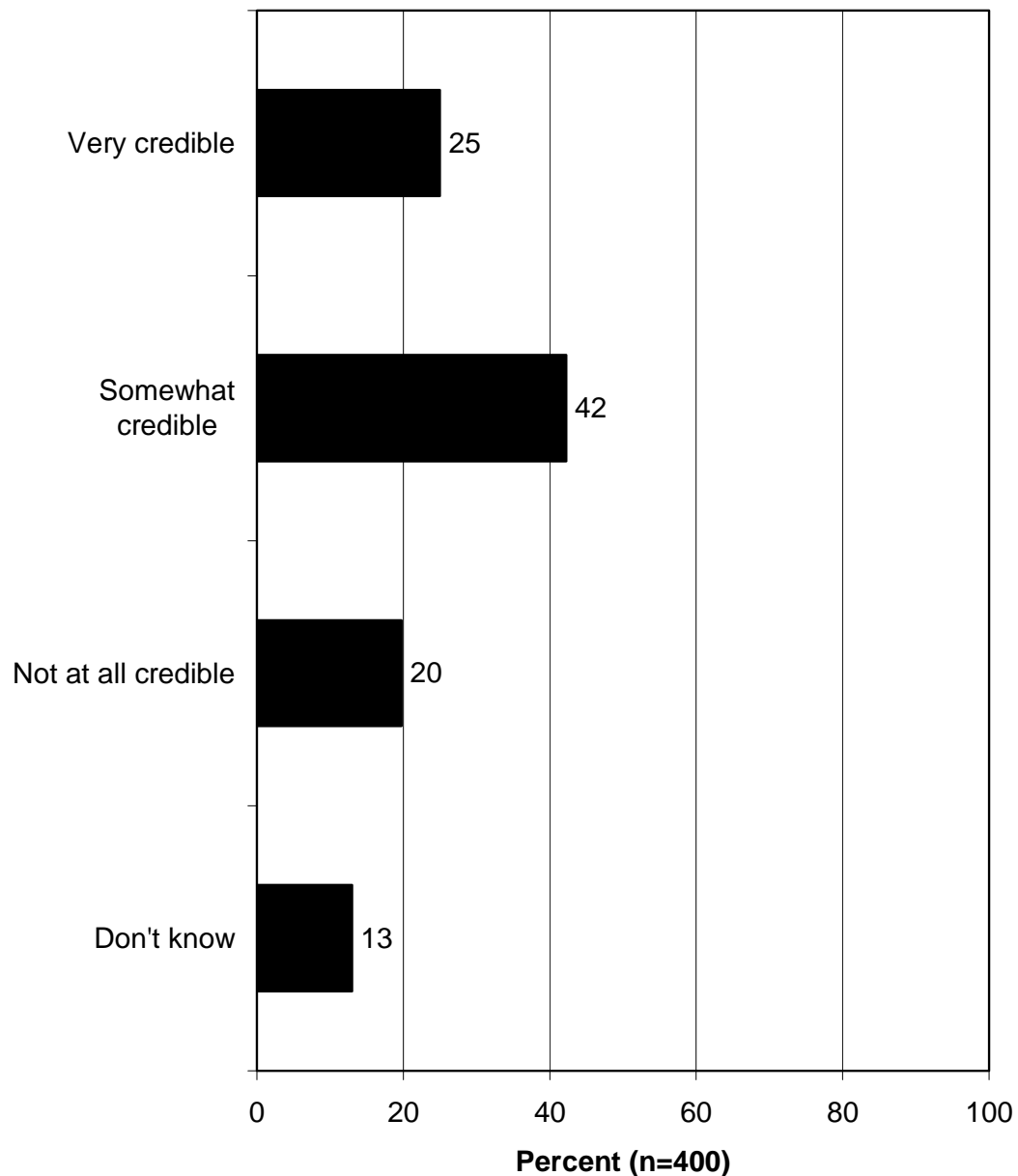
Q282. Do you think a professor of environmental science or biology at the University of Maryland is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible as a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation?



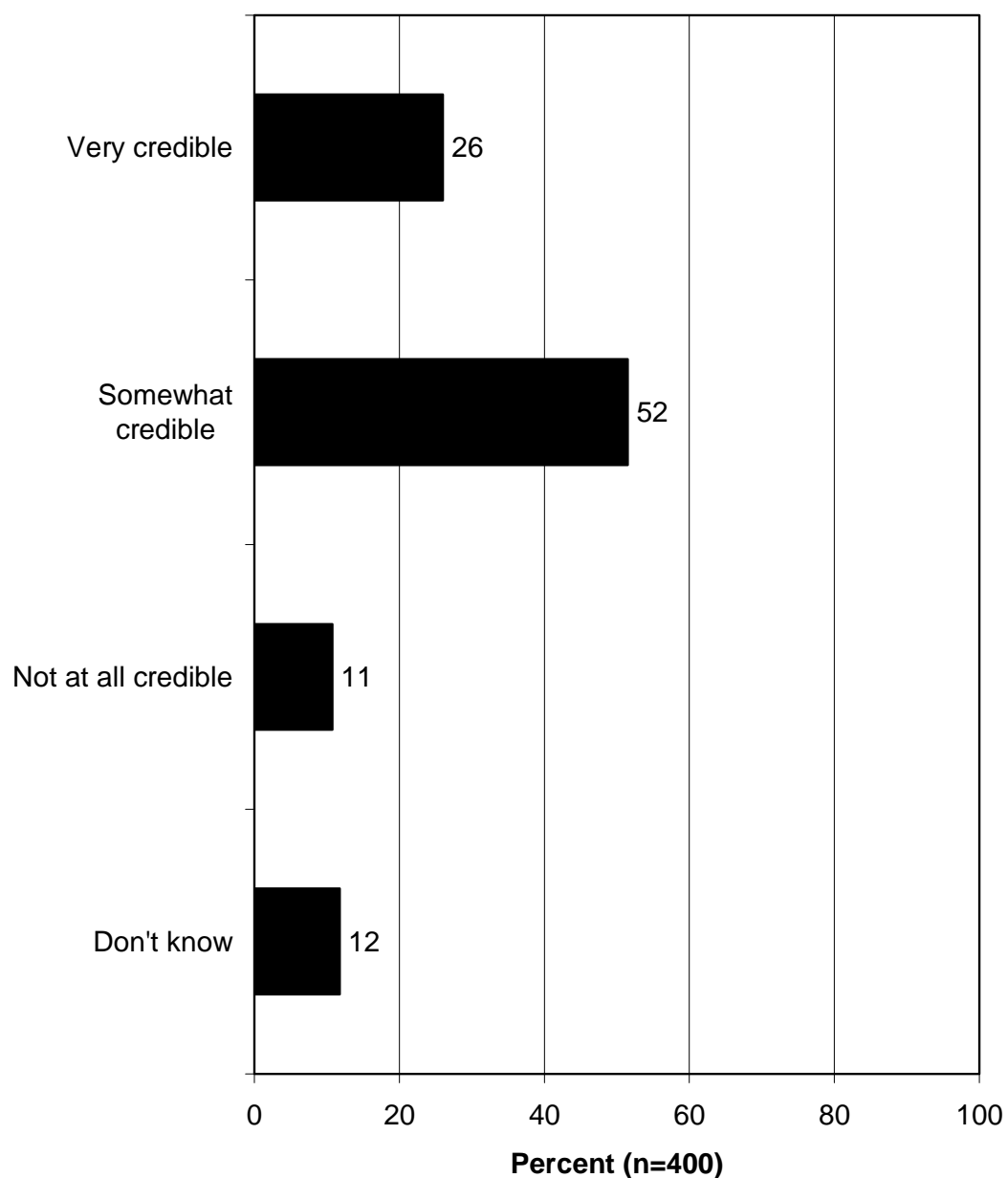
Q283. Do you think a spokesperson from the National Wildlife Federation is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible as a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation?



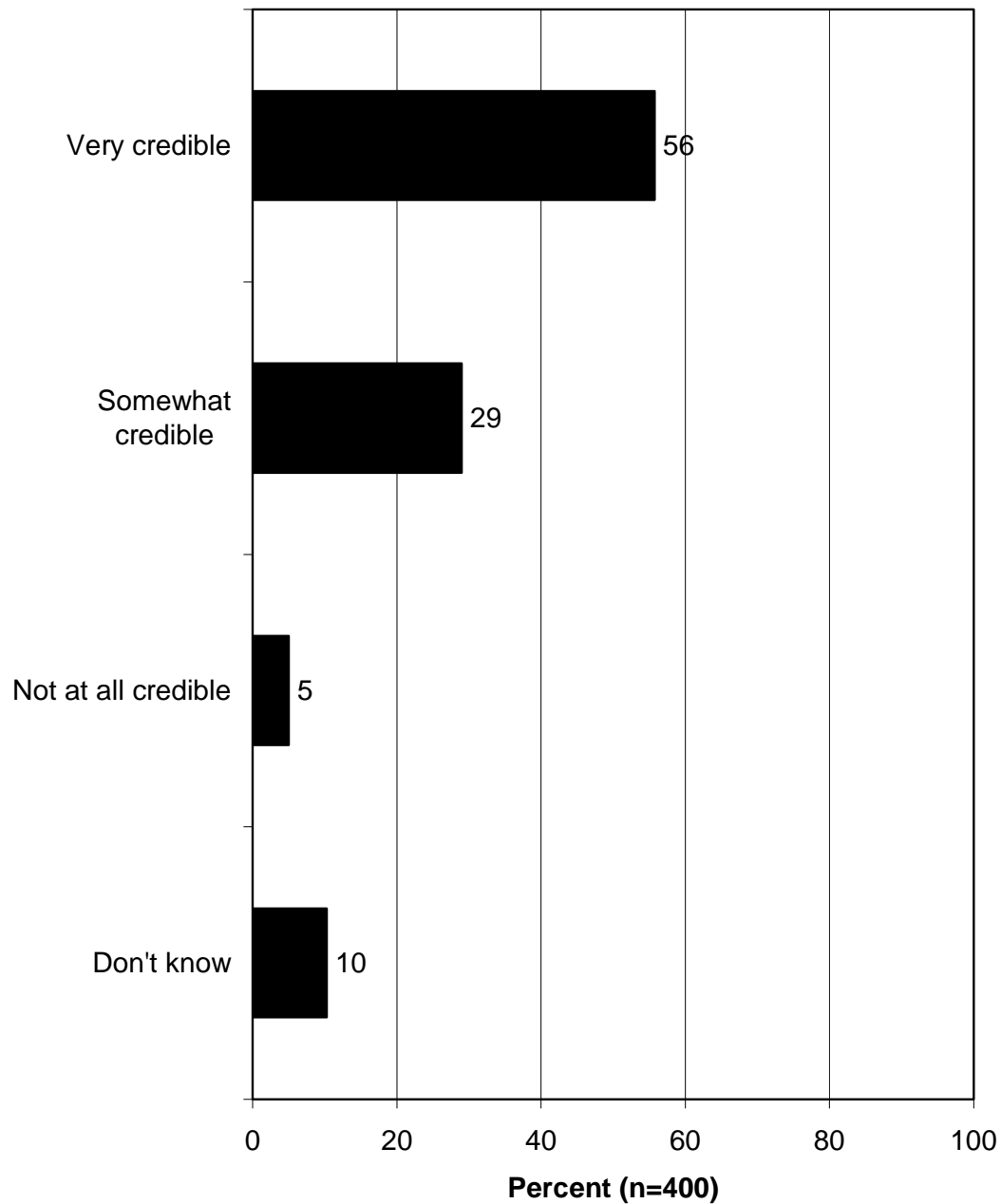
Q284. Do you think a spokesperson from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible as a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation?



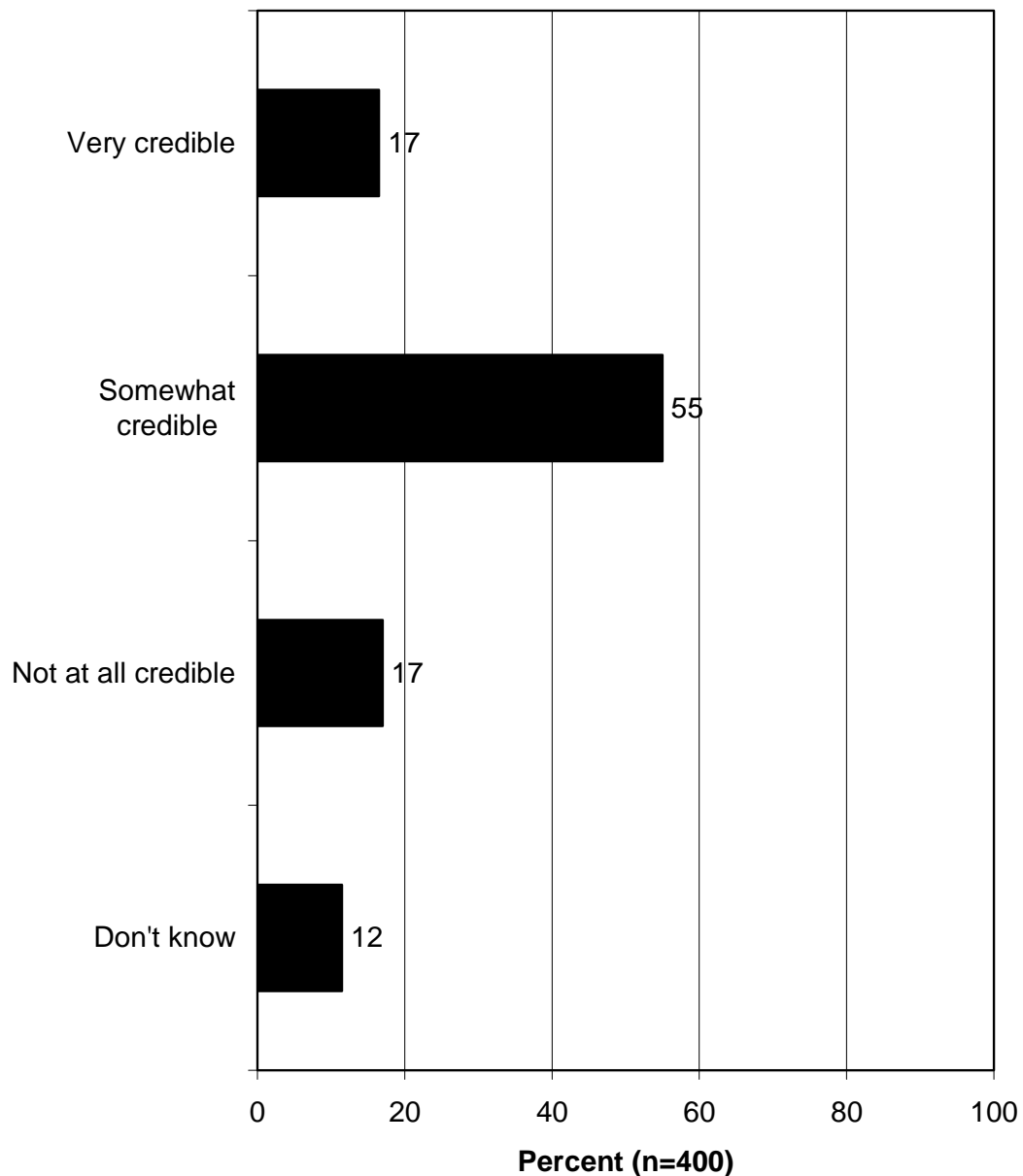
Q285. Do you think a spokesperson from a local environmental organization is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible as a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation?



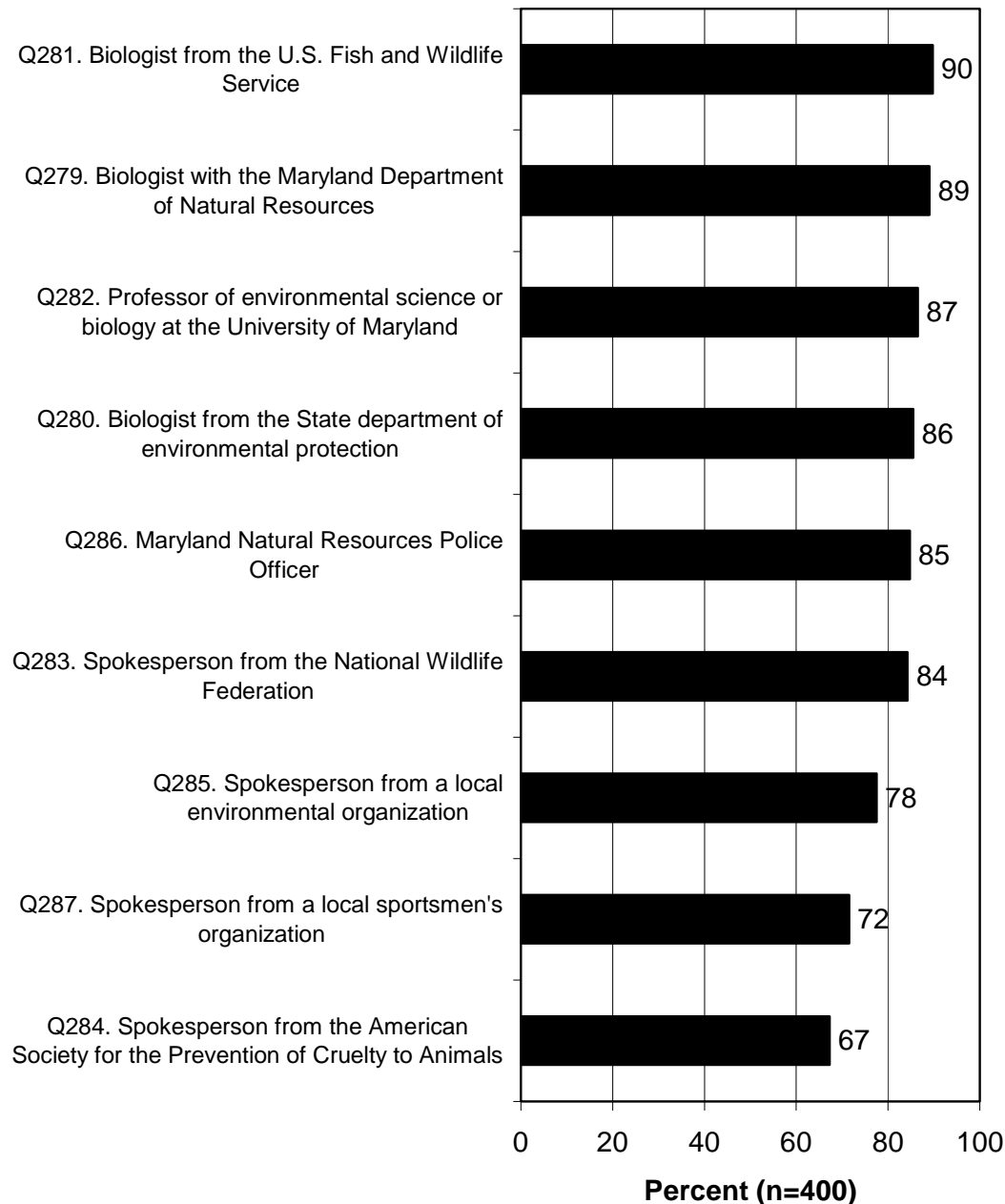
Q286. Do you think a Maryland Natural Resources Police Officer is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible as a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation?



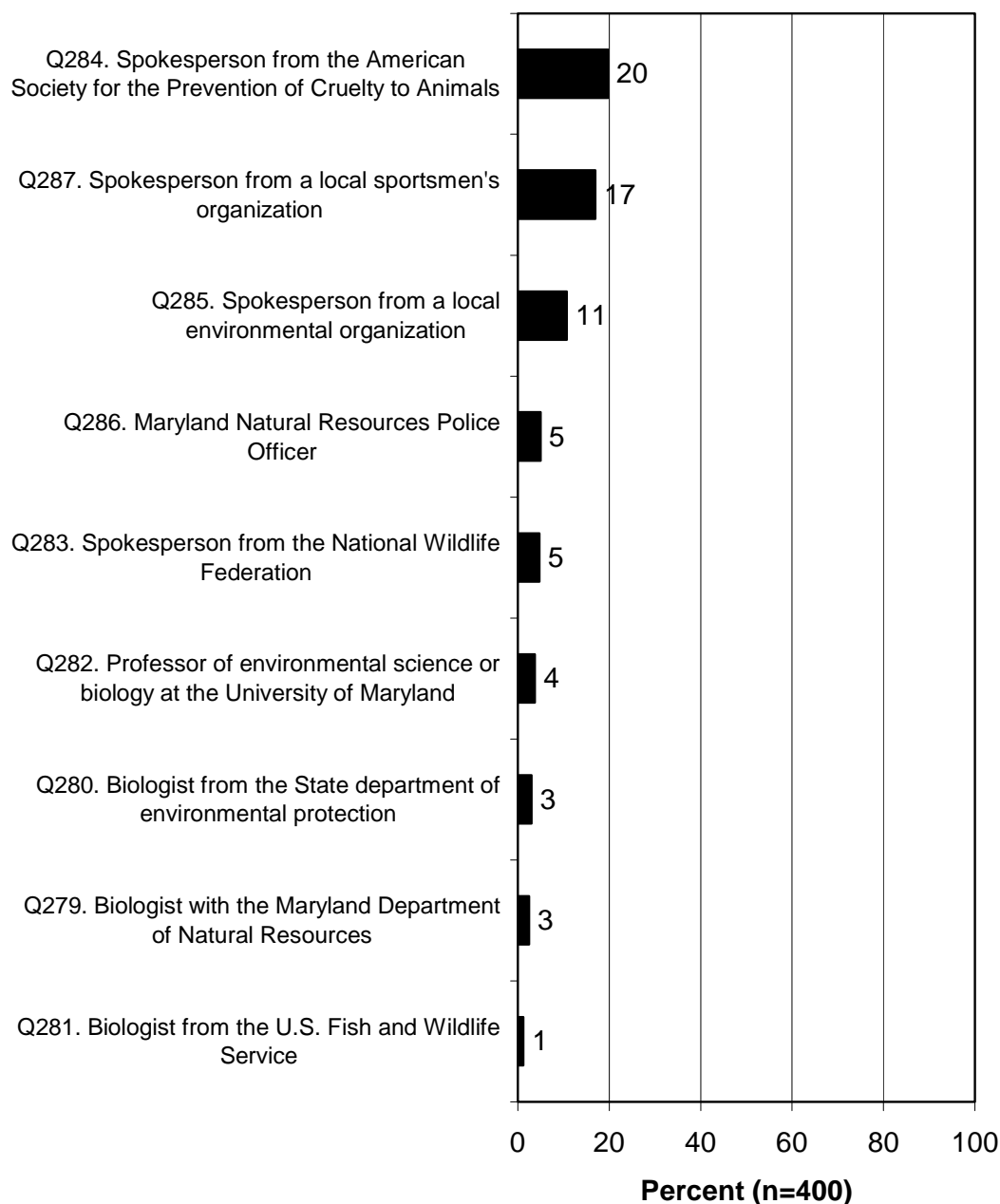
Q287. Do you think a spokesperson from a local sportsmen's organization is very credible, somewhat credible, or not at all credible as a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation?



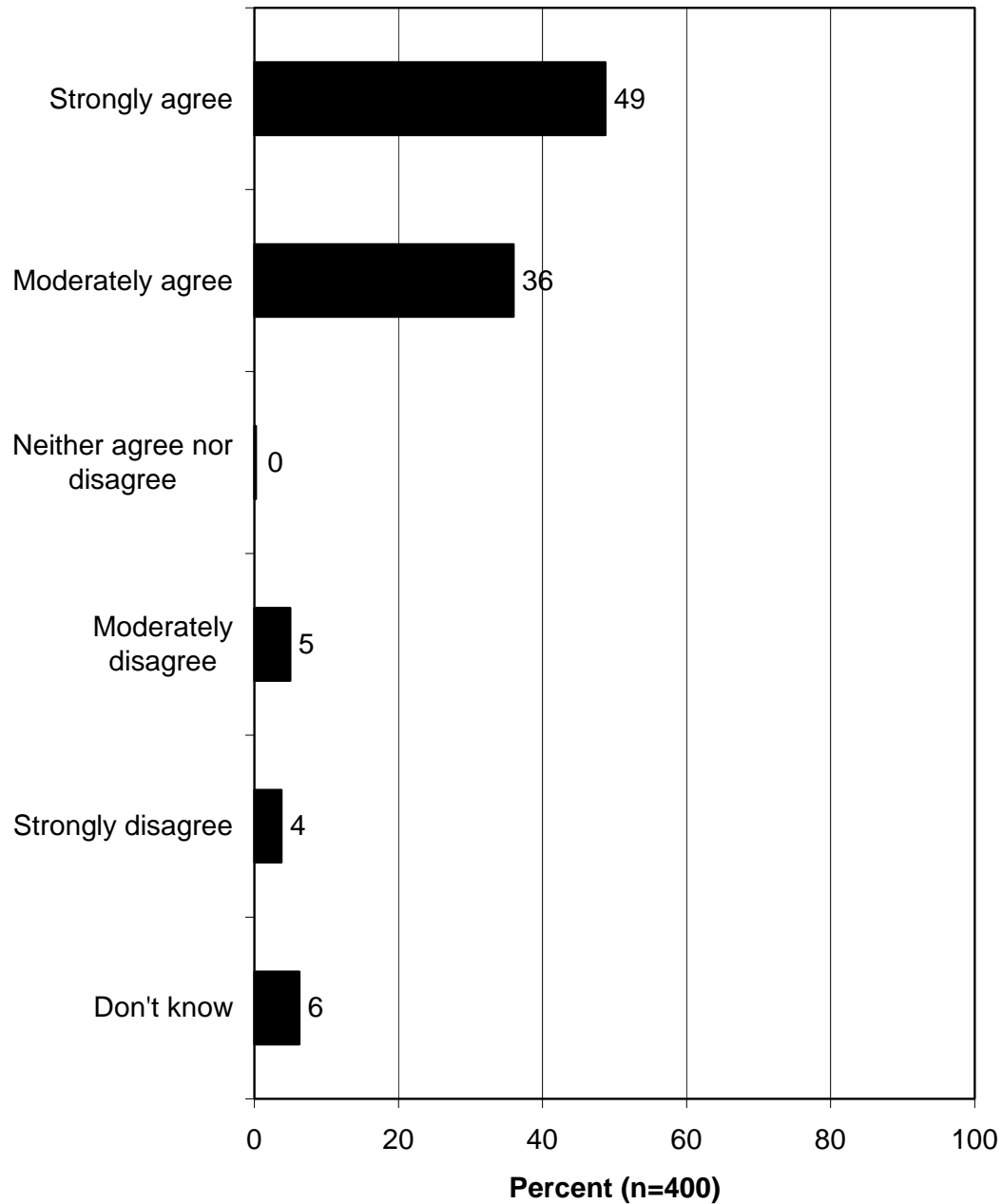
Q279-287. Percent who think the following are very or somewhat credible as a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation.



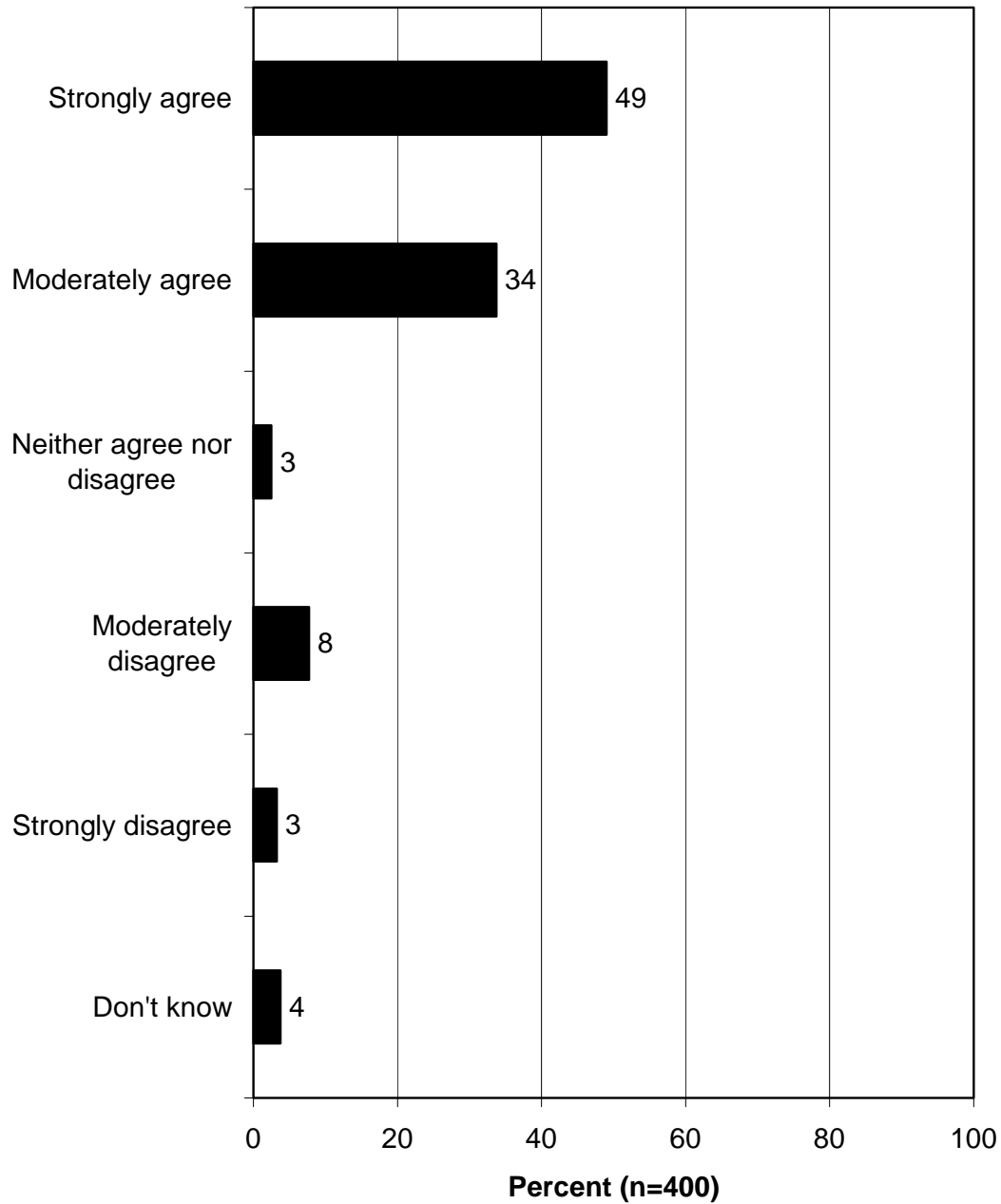
Q279-287. Percent who think the following are not at all credible as a source of information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation.



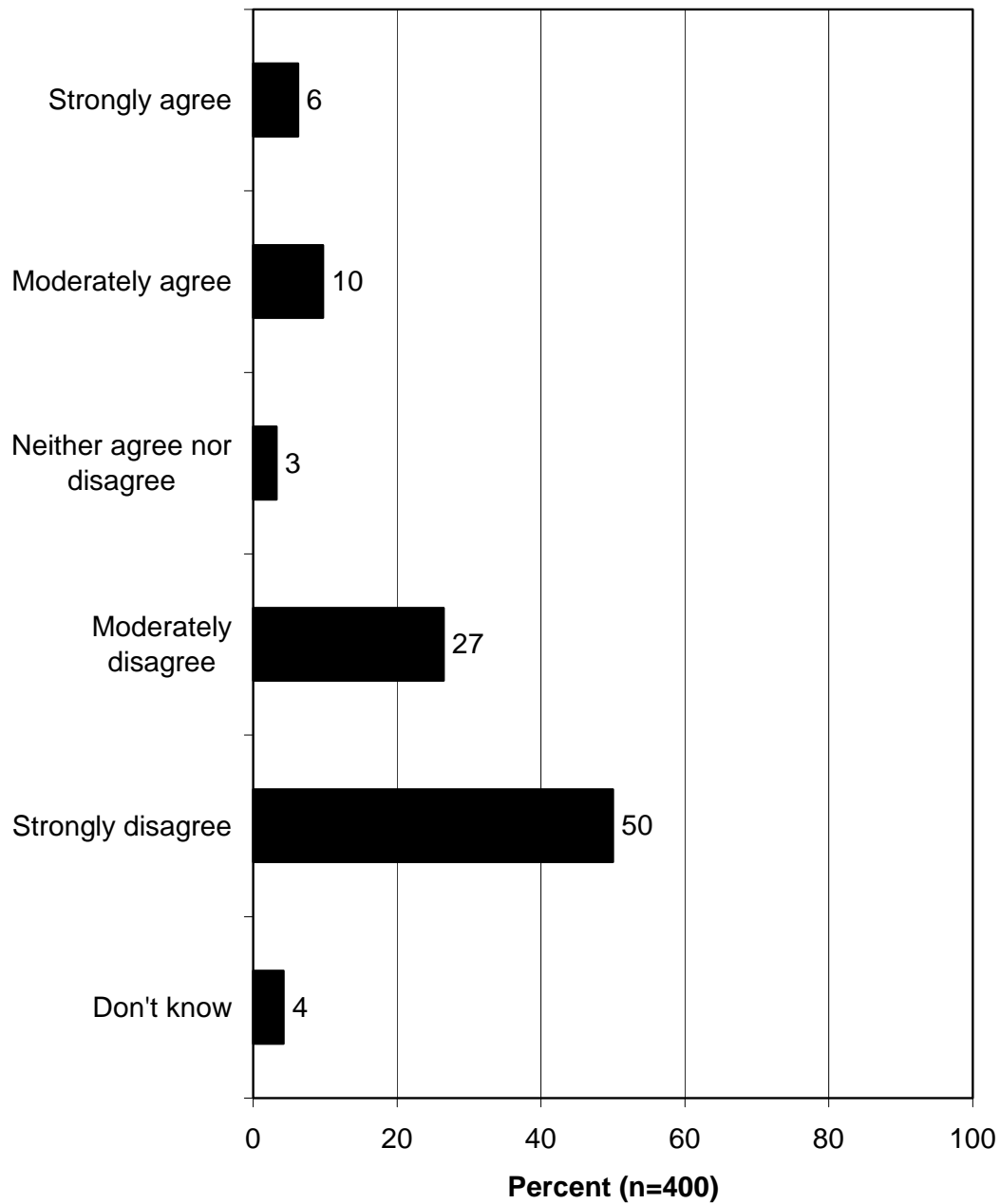
Q290. Hunting and fishing are part of scientific management of healthy fish and wildlife populations. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?



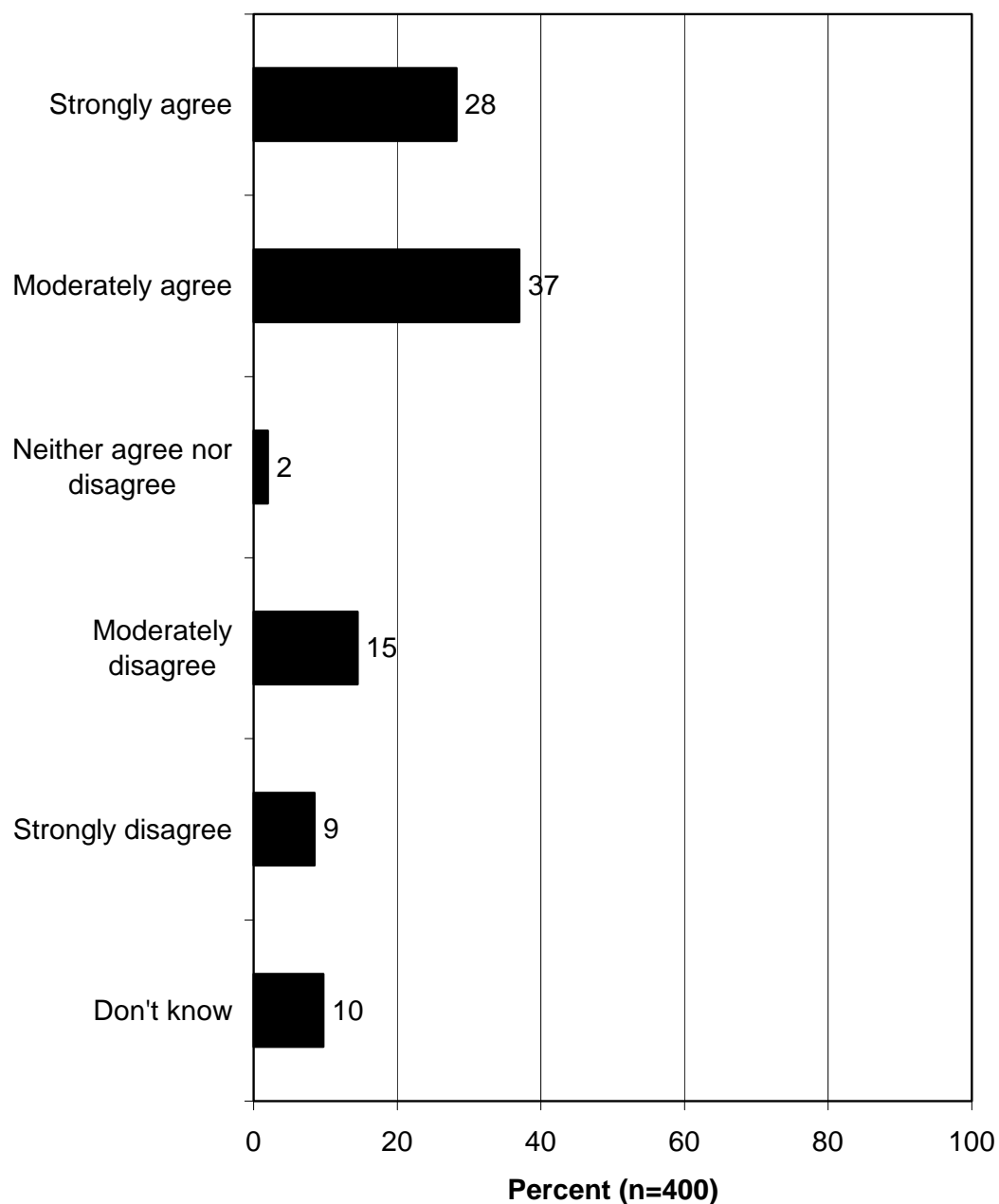
Q291. The use and development of land should be restricted to protect fish and wildlife. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?



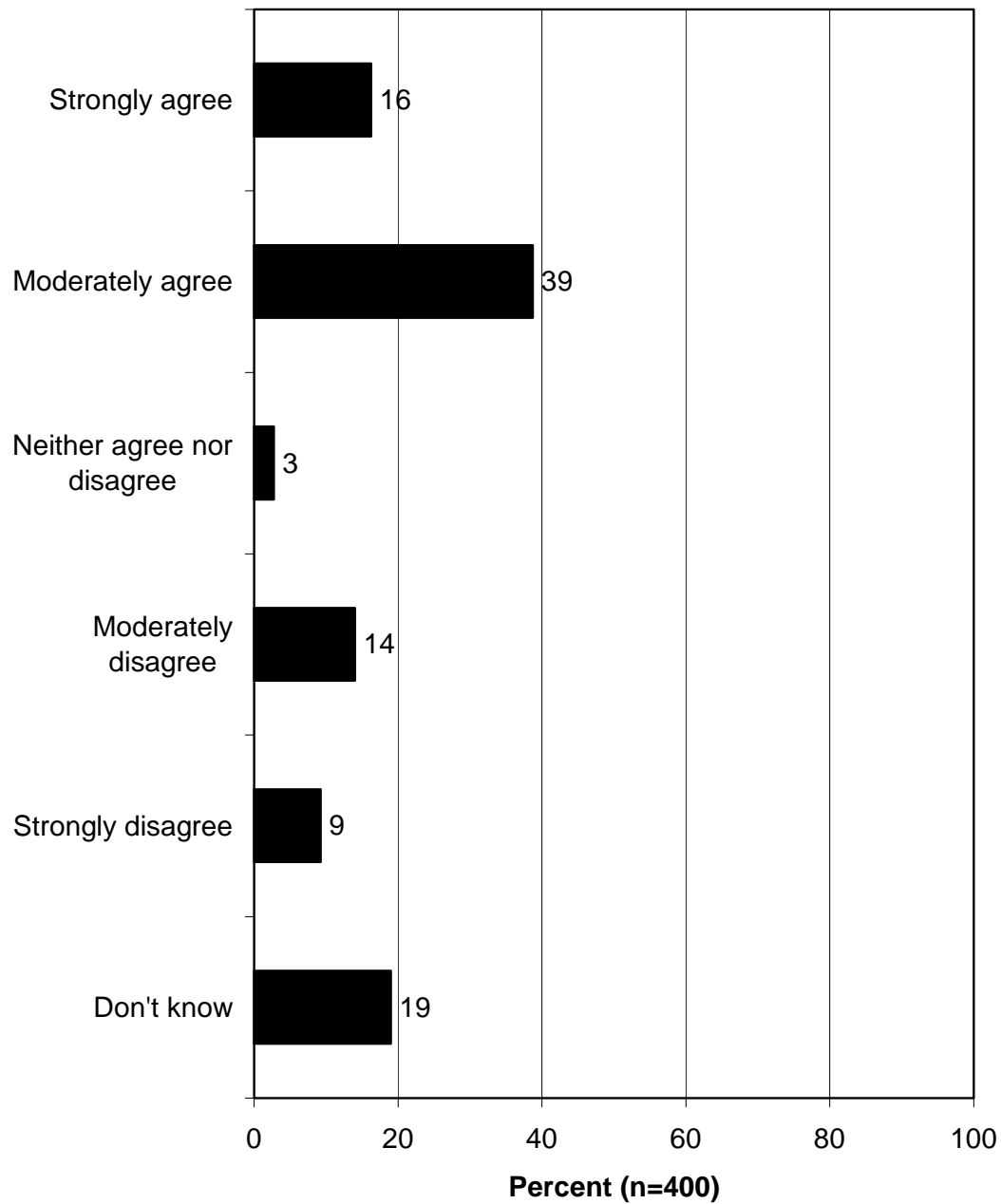
Q292. Landowners should be allowed to develop their land regardless of its impact on wildlife. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?



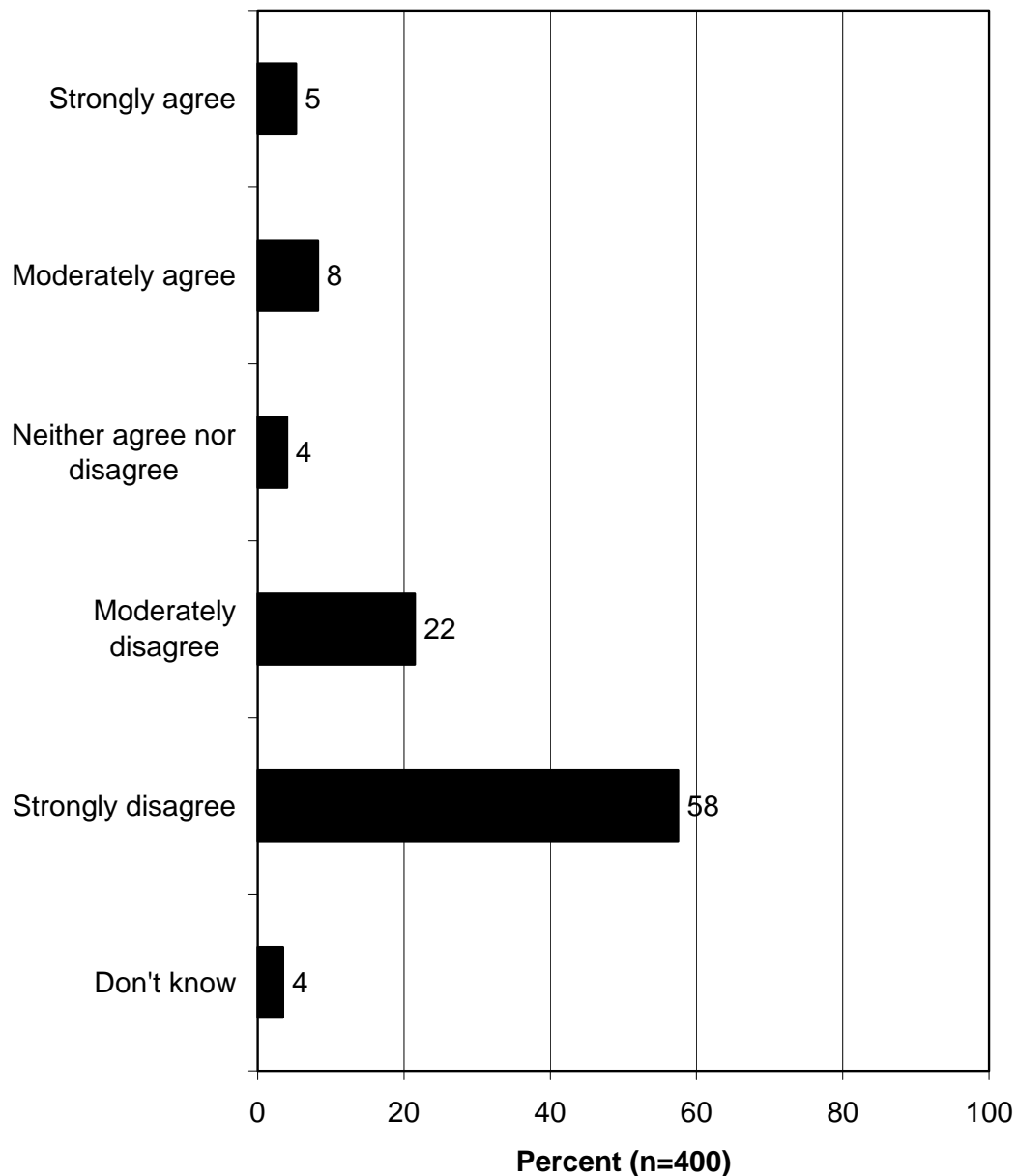
Q293. I can make a significant difference in protecting fish and wildlife habitat. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?



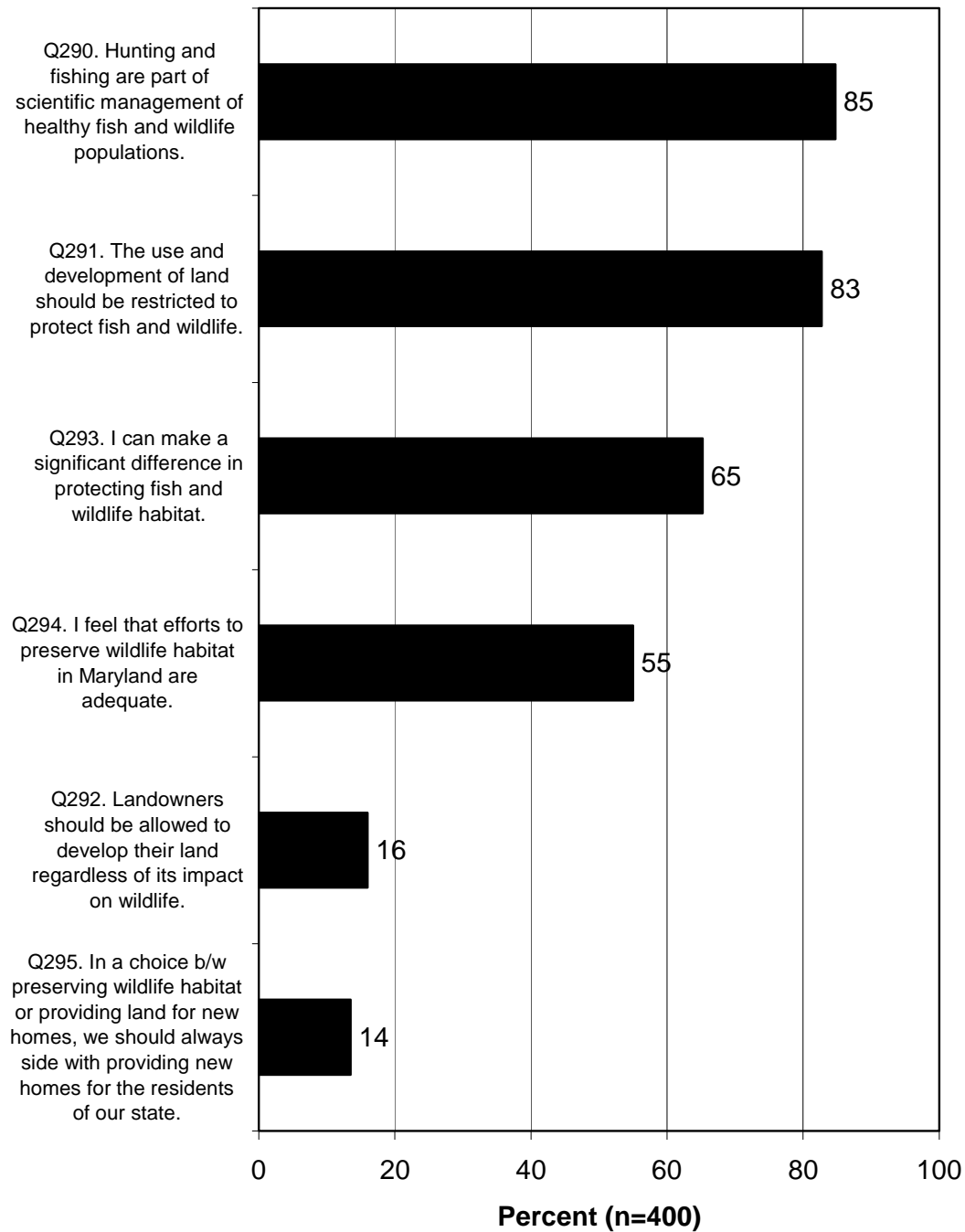
Q294. I feel that efforts to preserve wildlife habitat in Maryland are adequate. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

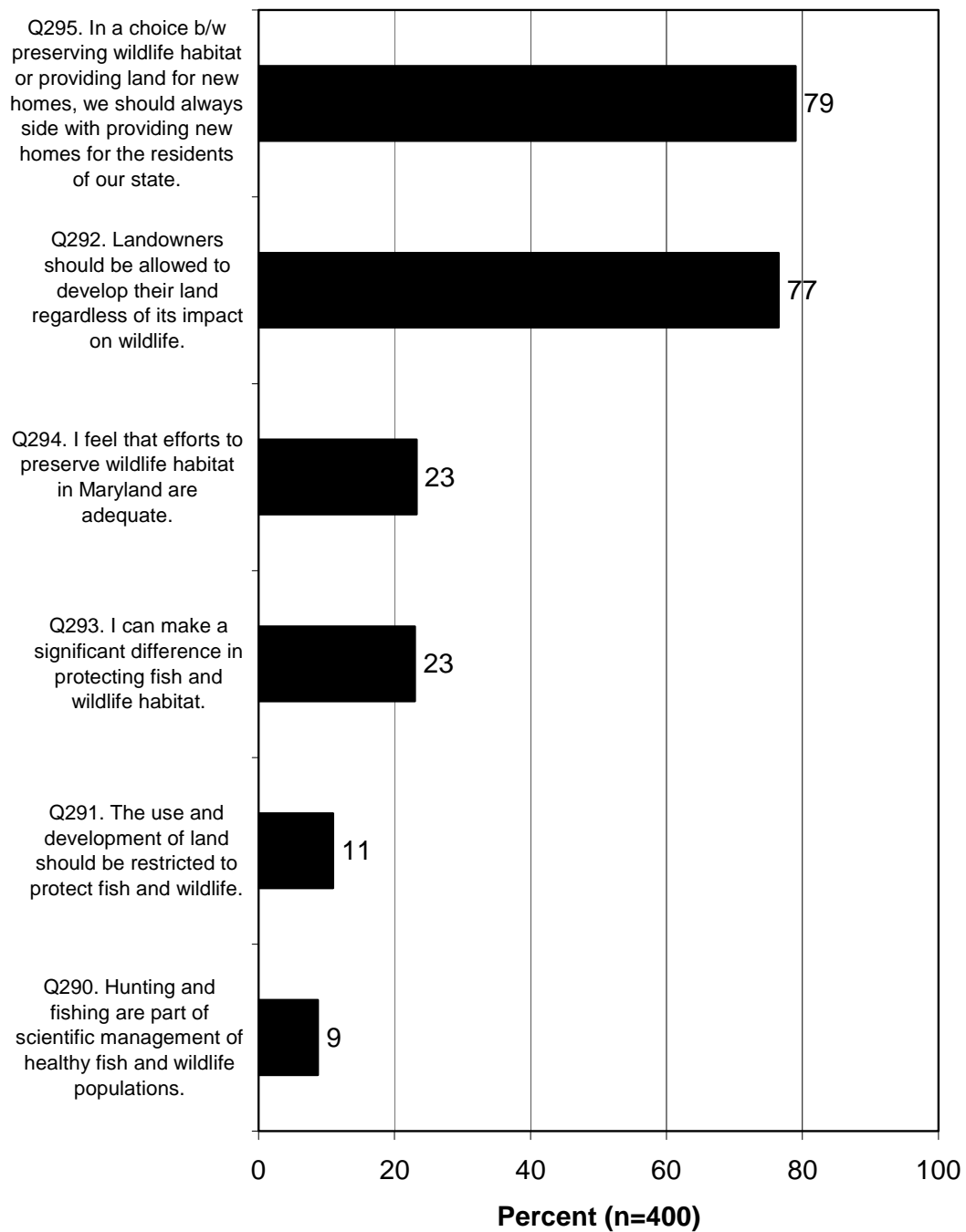


Q295. If it came down to a choice between preserving wildlife habitat or providing land for new homes, we should always side with providing new homes for the residents of our state. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

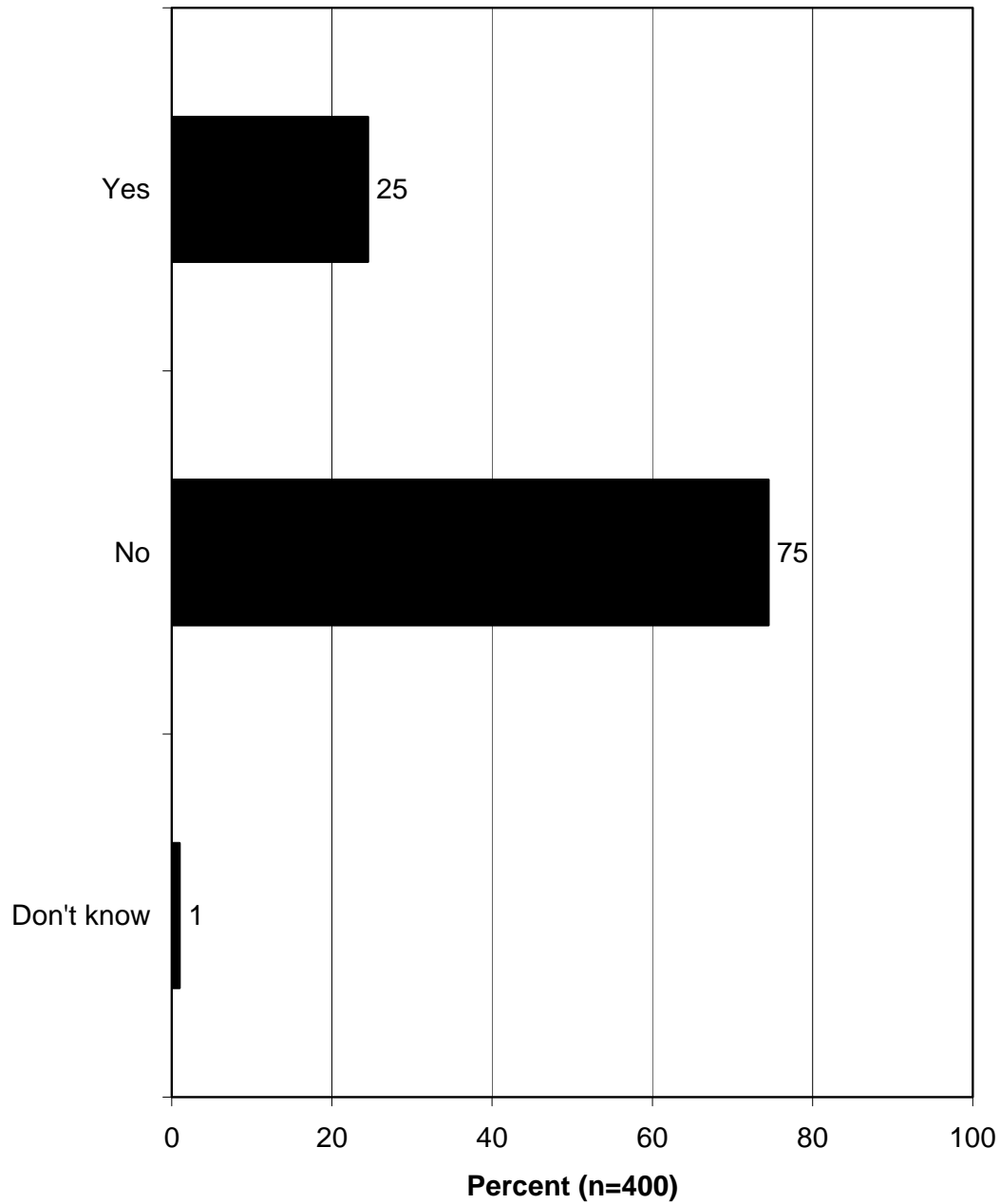


Q290-295. Percent who strongly or moderately agree with the following statements.

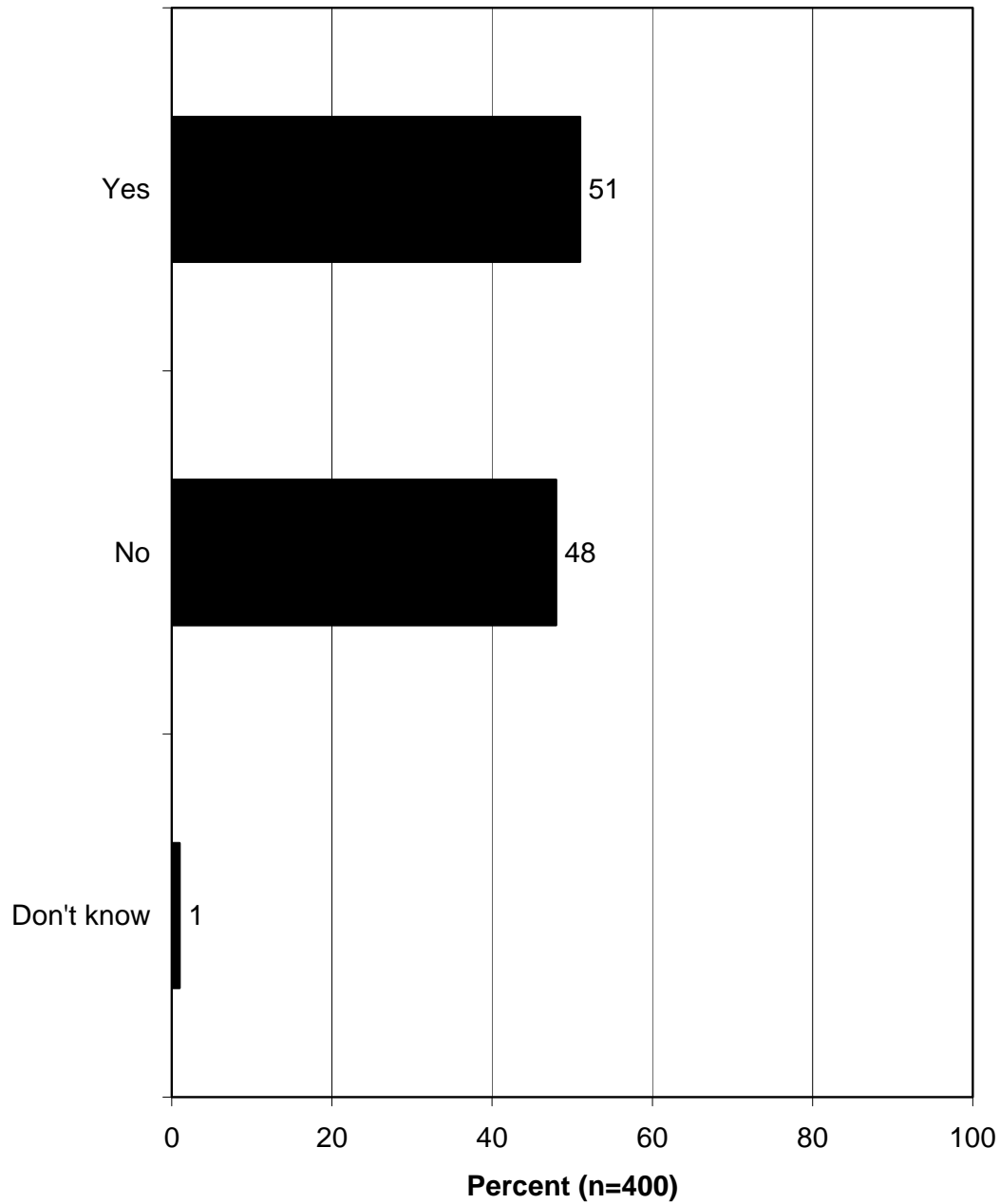


Q290-295. Percent who moderately or strongly disagree with the following statements.

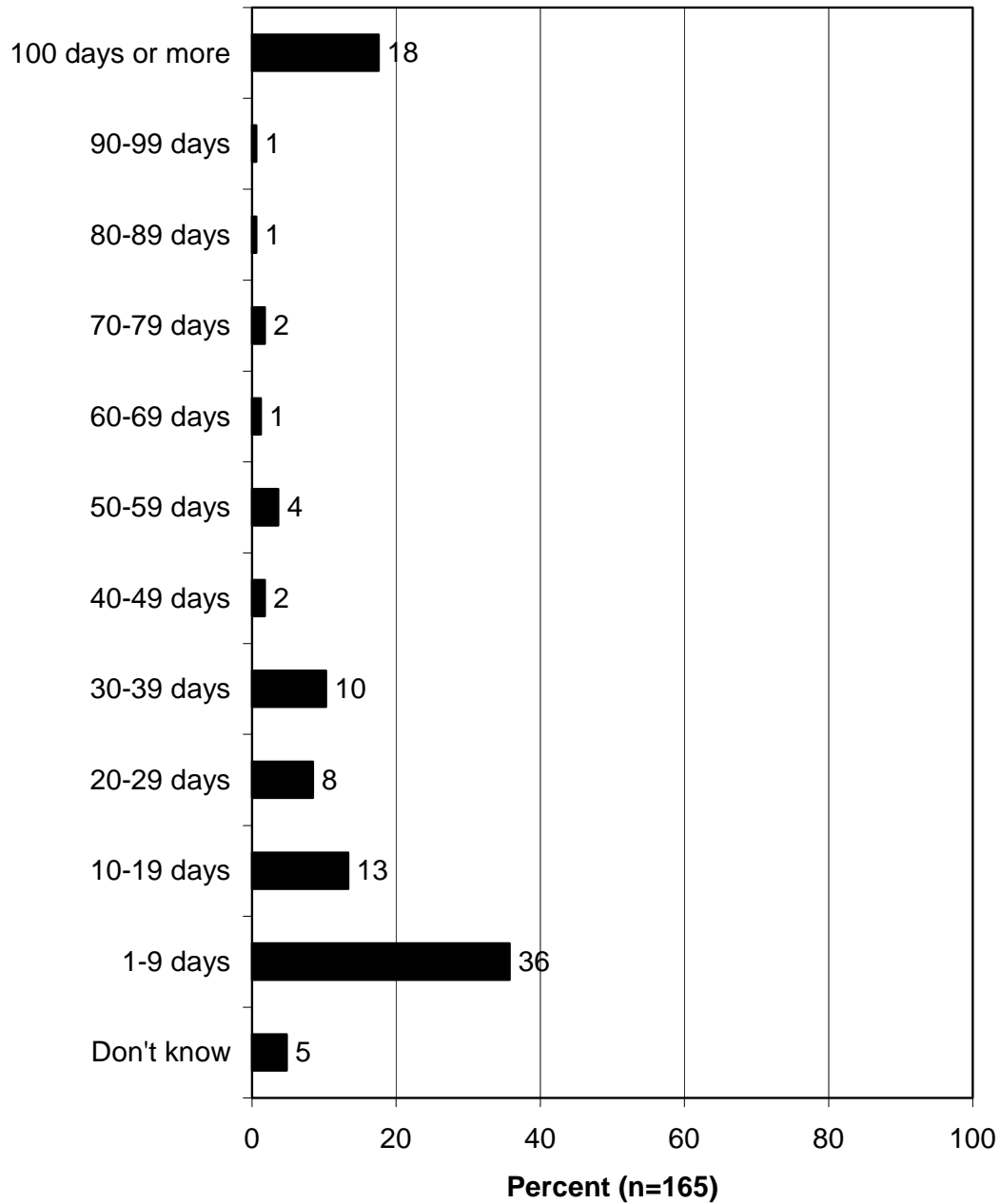
Q315. Do you consider yourself an angler or fisherman?



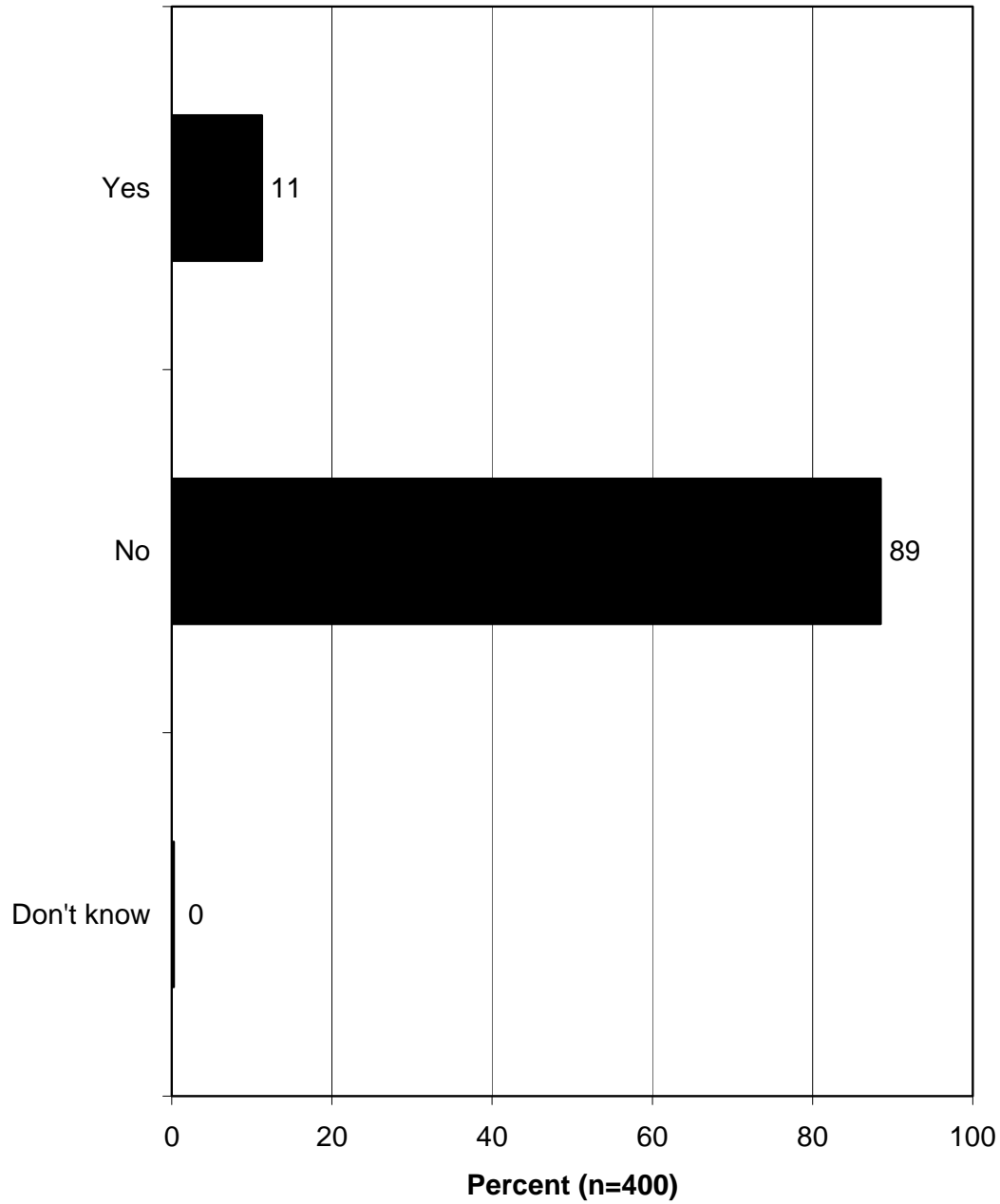
Q316. In the past 5 years, have you or any member of your household gone fishing in Maryland?



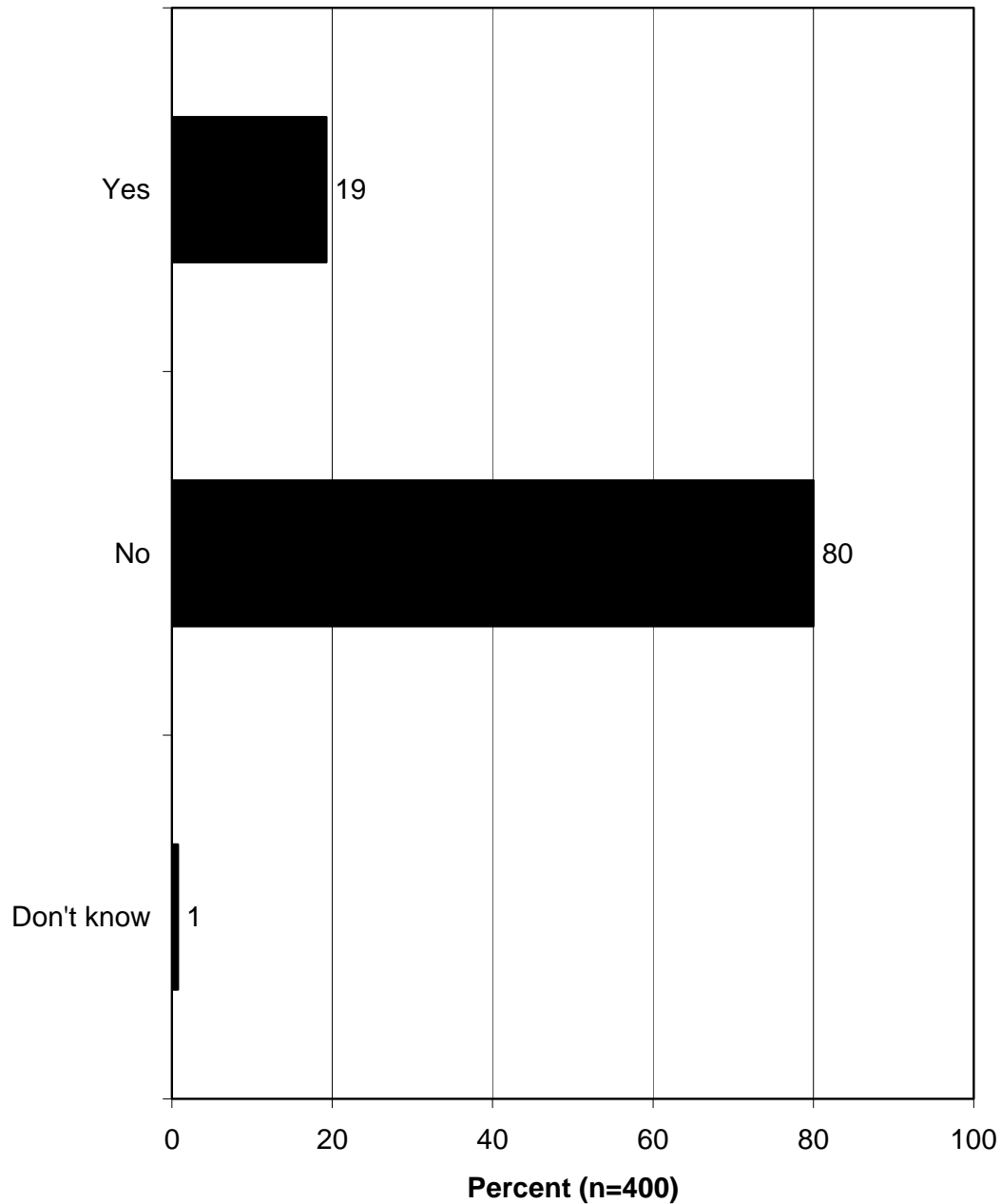
Q318. About how many days did you fish in the past 5 years? (Total of all 5 years.) (Asked of those who fished in the past 5 years.)



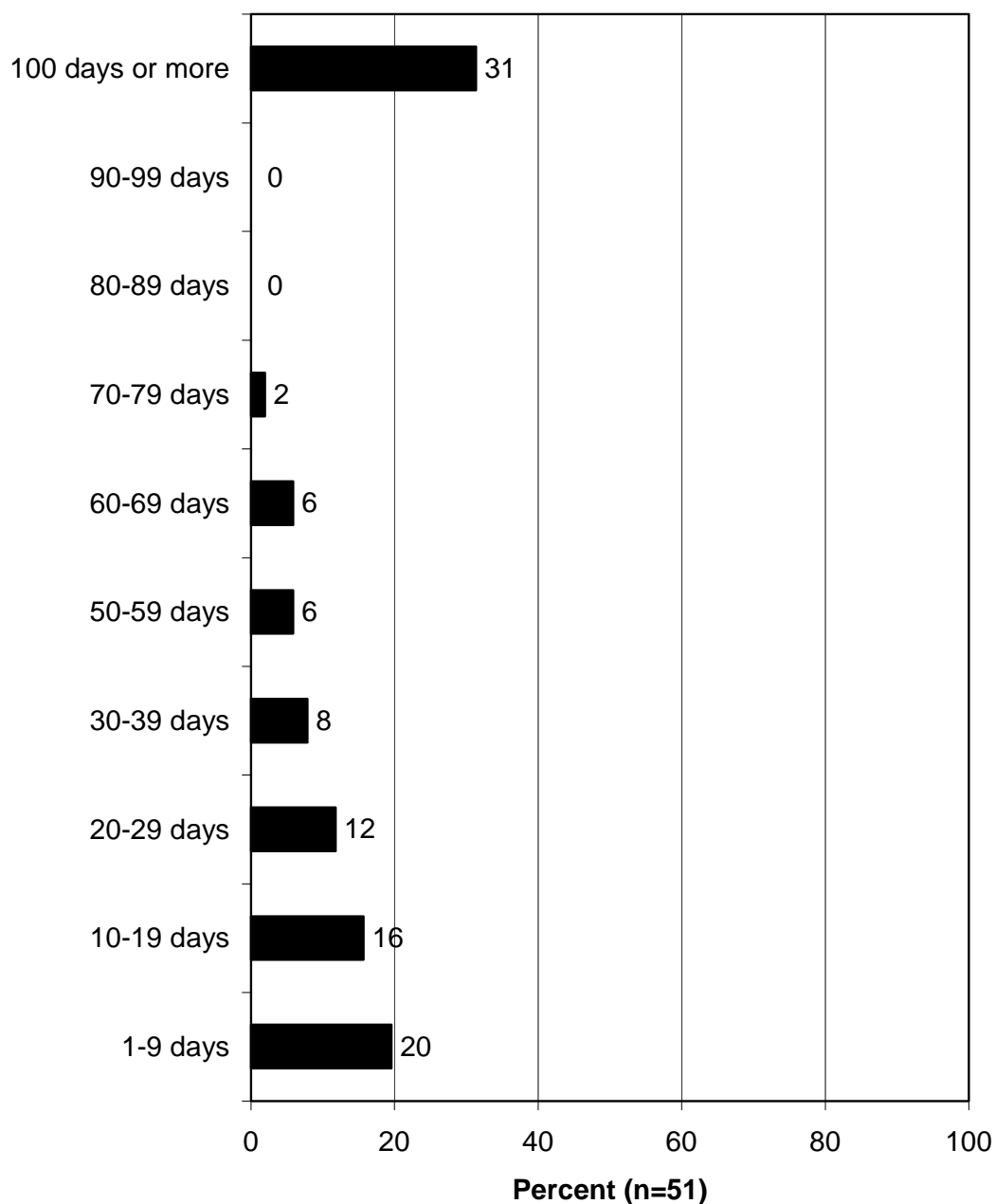
Q319. Do you consider yourself a hunter?



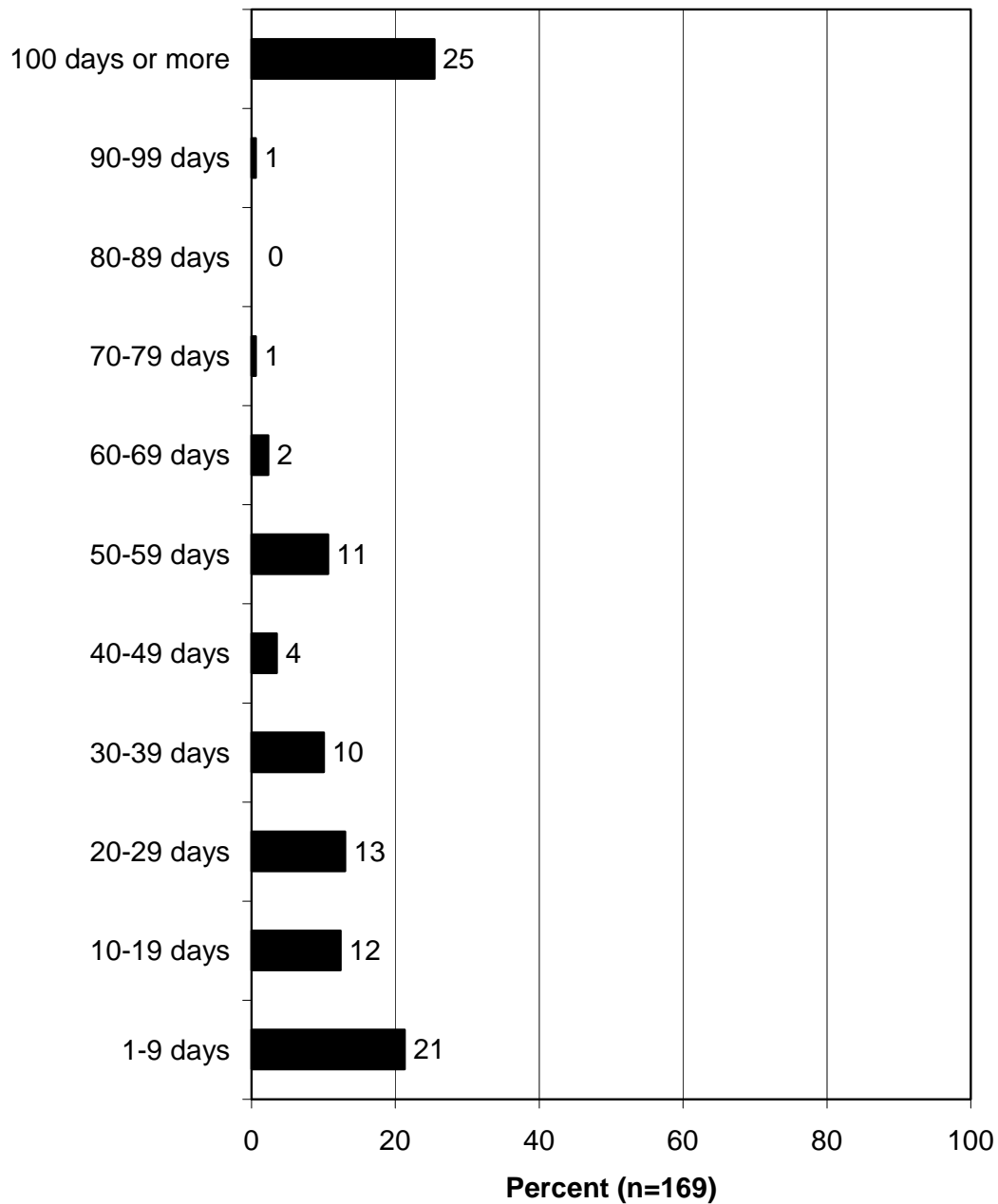
Q322. In the past 5 years, have you or any member of your household gone hunting in Maryland?

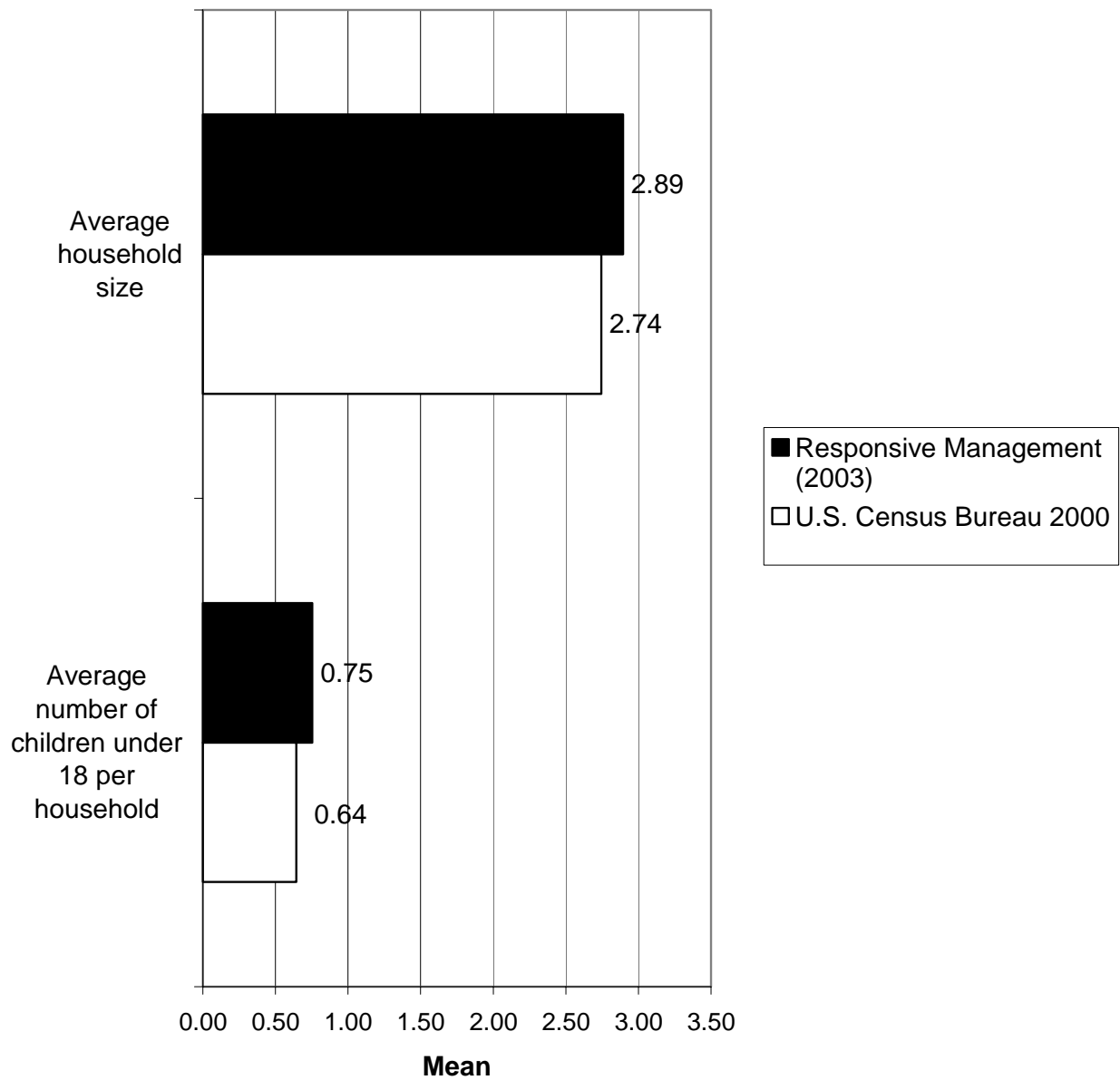


Q324. About how many days did you go hunting in the past 5 years? (Total of all 5 years.) (Asked of those who hunted in the past 5 years.)

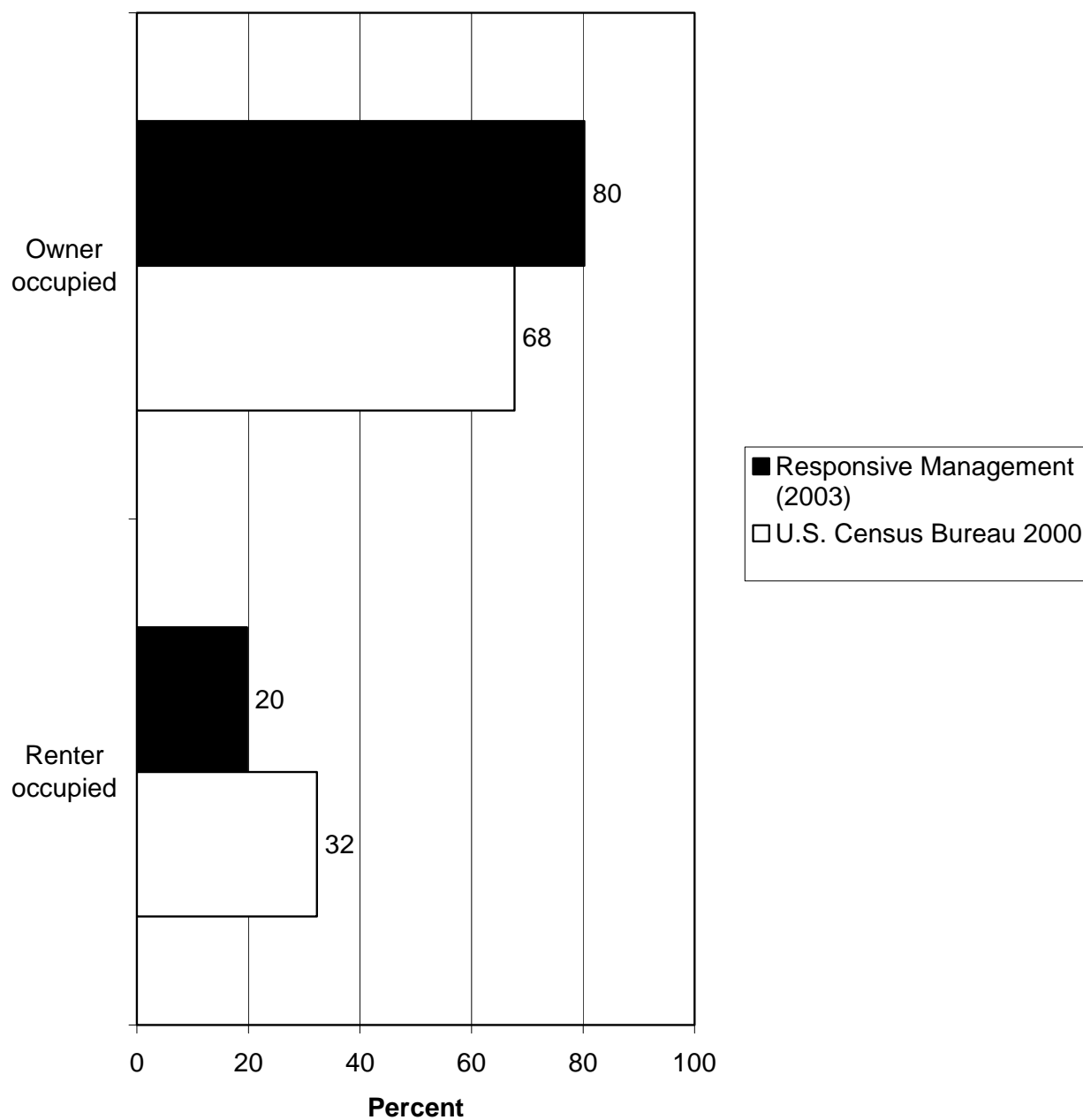


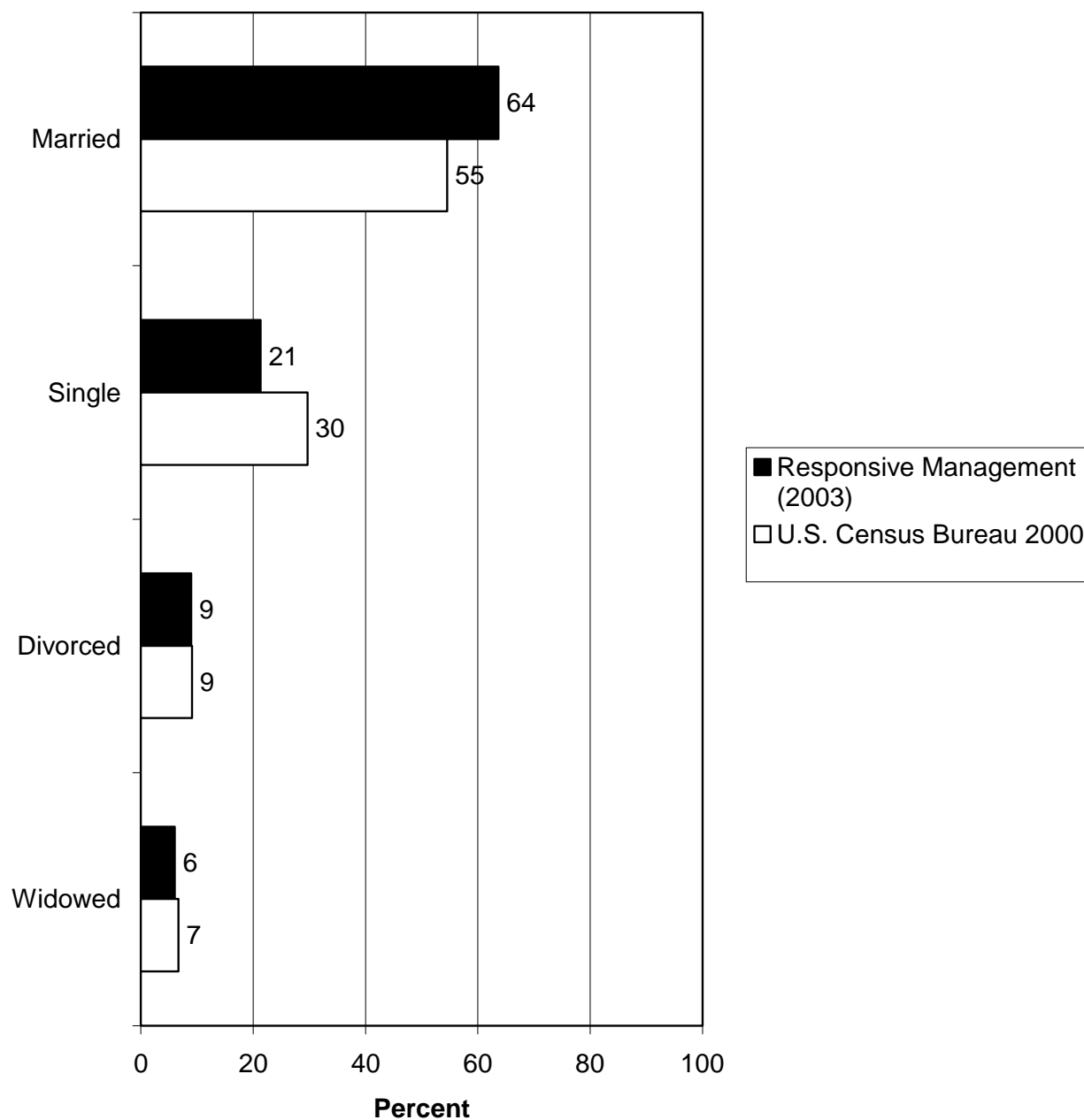
Q326. About how many days did you go out to observe wildlife in the past 5 years? (Total of all 5 years.)
(Asked of those who went out to observe wildlife in the past 5 years.)



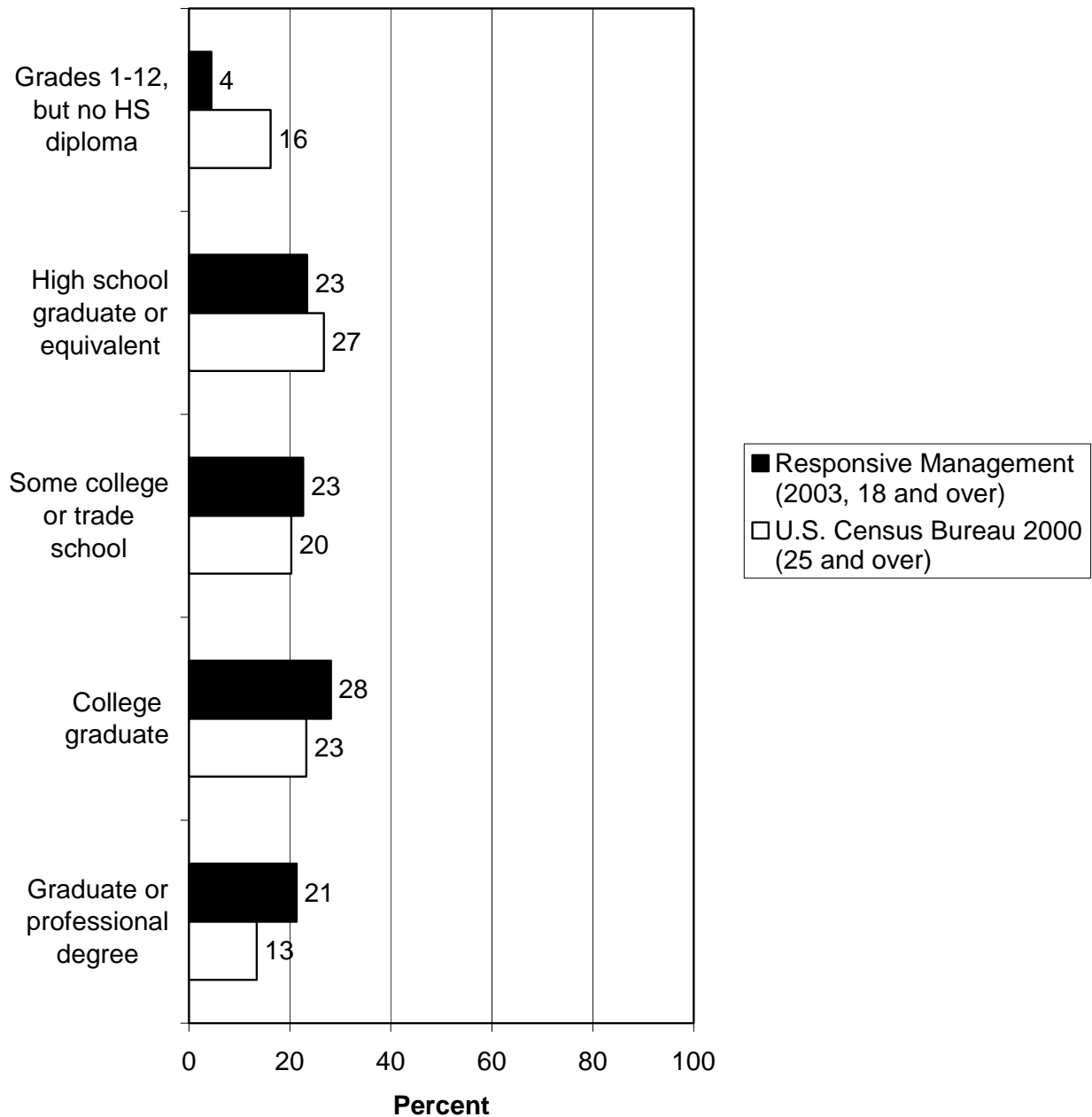
Q284.-Q285. Mean number of people/children in the household

Q286. Do you rent or own your current place of residence?

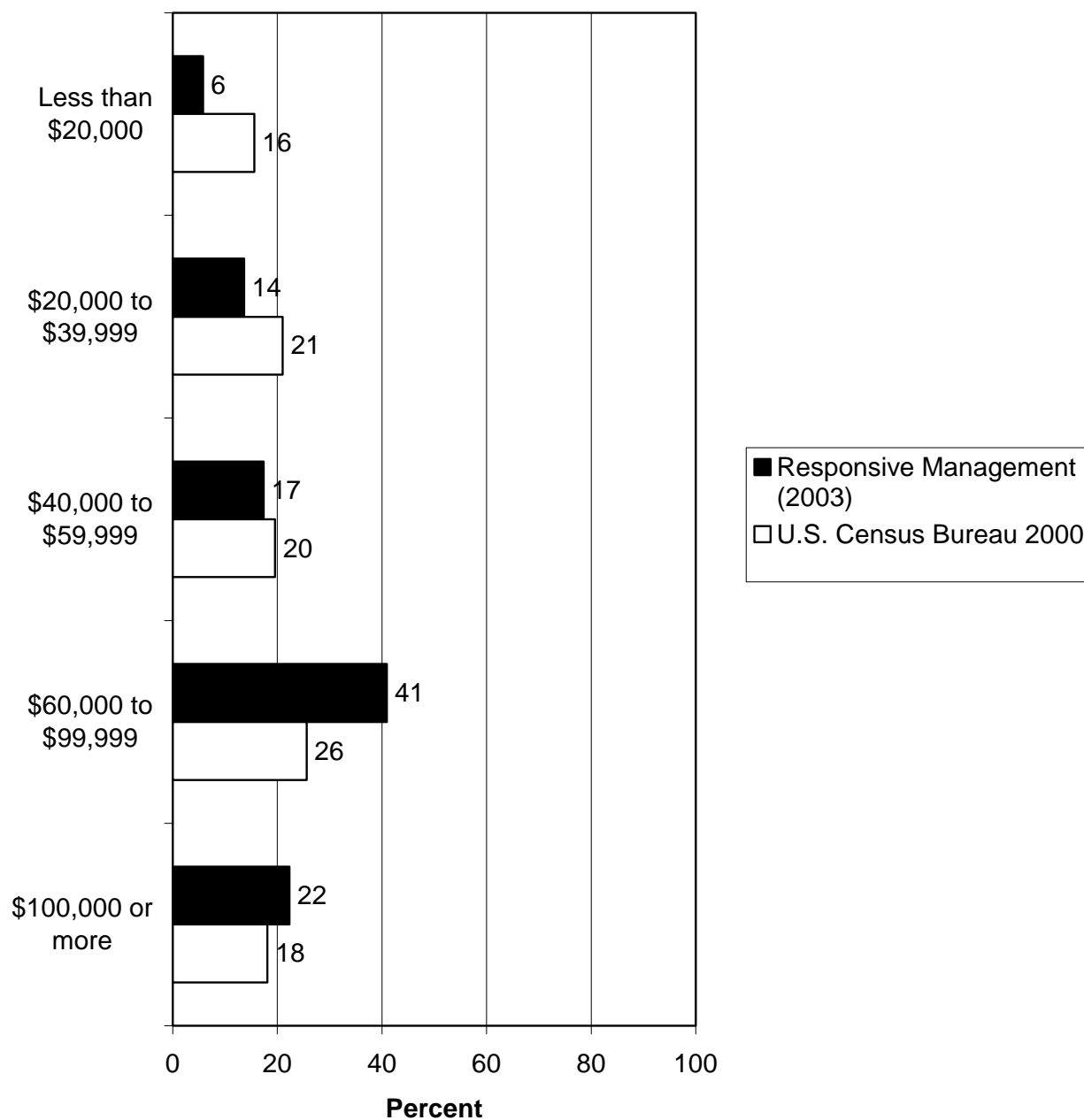


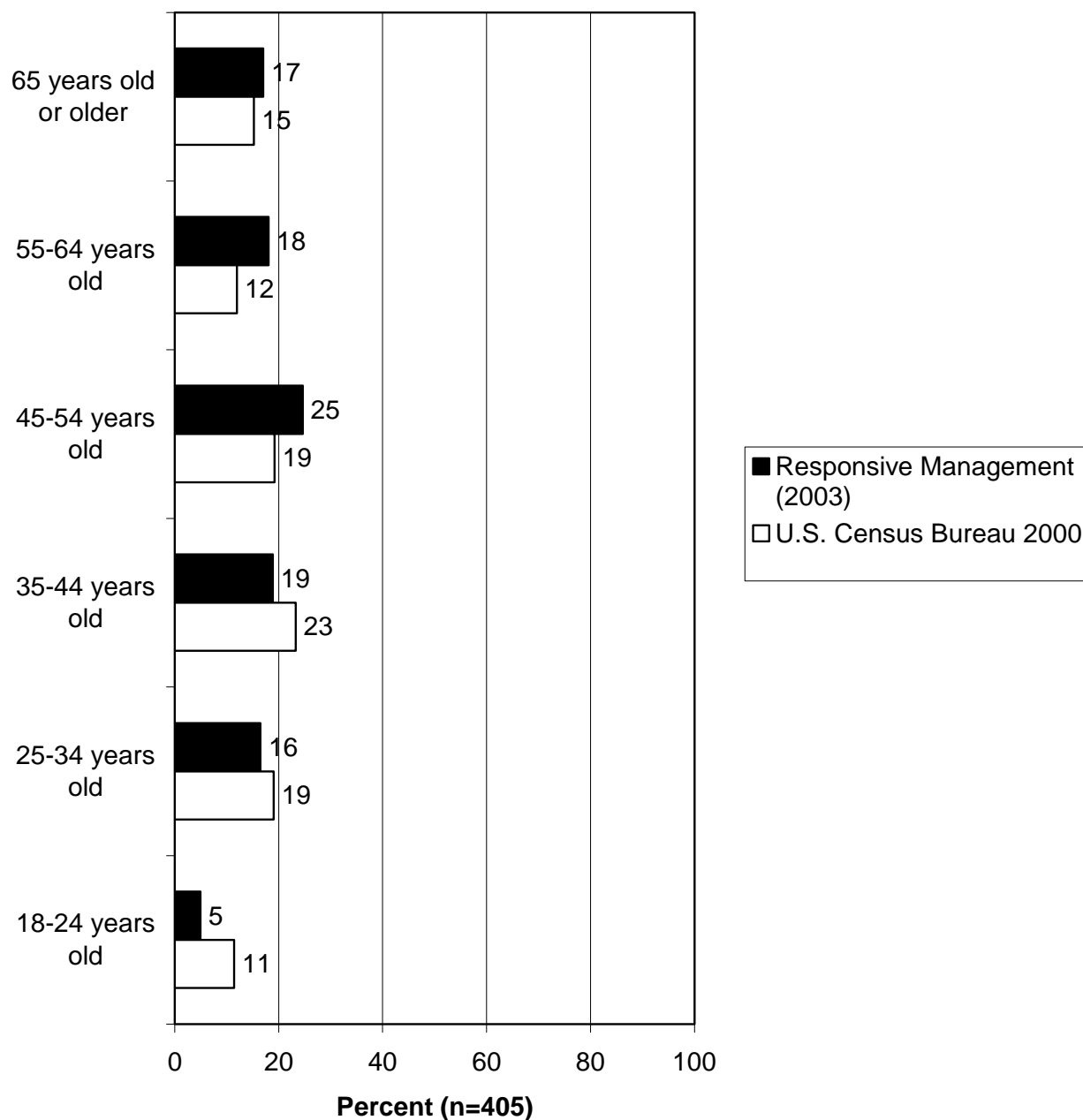
Q291. What is your marital status?

Q292. What is the highest grade level you have completed in school?



**Q293. Which of these categories best describes
your total household income before taxes last
year?**



Q294. May I ask your age?

Q296. Respondent's gender (not asked, but observed by interviewer).

